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THE DOOLITTLE FAMILY IN AMERICA

(PART II.)

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May their characters be read, their worth appreciated,
and memories richly cherished by their children's children
forever!—DAVID LEE, Esq.

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CLEVELAND

Time is hastening on and we
What our fathers are shall be,—
Shadow-shapes of memory!
Joined to that vast multitude
Where the great are but the good,
And the mind of strength shall prove
Weaker than the heart of love.

—*Whittier.*

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PART II.

GLIMPSES OF THEIR COLONIAL LIFE.

No human being grows up who does not so intertwist in his growth the whole idea and spirit of his day, that rightly to dissect out his history would require one to cut to pieces and analyze society, law, religion, the metaphysics and the morals of his times.—*Harriet Beecher Stowe.*

In order to catch the *hidden thought* of those olden days we should turn back on the path of the years and come within the enchanting influence of the early settlements nestling among the Connecticut hills. We must make the acquaintance of the good neighbors, old and young, of high and low degree, gathered about the great log fire blazing on the hearth of a winter's evening, and listen to the animated discussion of primitive politics, of the latest sermon, and hear the kindly gossip of the town as well as local legends, thrilling ghost stories, with weird accounts of haunted houses in the neighborhood. We should look in on merrymakings and other county frolics, and be present at weddings, at funerals and the solemn services in the rude old meeting house on the quiet Sabbath. The plain homespun and quaint manners and customs of the village folk are not to be overlooked, and at election and general training we must enter into the full enjoyment of these gala days.

Or, suppose as passengers on the *ancient stage coach* in that far away time, we are returning to spend Thanksgiving, the queen of New England festivals, with a grandsire and granny at the old

homestead. It is a few years before the Revolution; and on this last day of the journey, the party is aroused before dawn from slumbers at the tavern to catch the early coach. How romantic such a frosty star-lit morning of the late Indian summer,—the hurried breakfast of smoking corn cake, savory bacon, the potato roasting hot from the bed of ashes, and steaming, creamy, fragrant coffee—the chill crisp morning—lanterns gliding ghost-like in and out the large stables—drowsy horse boys just from their snug beds shivering about the door yard—the resonant crack of the whip,— the clear, sharp clatter of hoofs on the frozen ground—the rattle of wheels—the scramble in the dark for seats—the long, tedious ride with fellow travelers torpid and glum, partly hidden by the gray of the dawn and partly in mufflers—at length the side lights fading out with daybreak stealing over the coach load—the gradual warmth of conversation and good nature once more prevailing over sharp elbows and cold, numb feet shuffling among the scanty straw.

Life is stirring at farmhouses along the way. Smoke is beginning to curl from the stone chimneys into the frosty air, and industrious farmers are caring for their stock in barns bulging with the season's harvest. Often through open doors peer out tiers of golden pumpkins, great pyramids of rosy apples, or huge sloping heaps of yellow ears of corn. Later threshing or butchering is in progress or loads of produce are starting for market. Ox-teams are plodding homeward with winter wood or clearing stone from the upland farms. Here and there the turnpike penetrates a belt of late autumn woodland or passes along some ridge with enchanting view over hill and dale. The ear notes the low

whistle of the quail or chatter of squirrels gathering the falling nuts, while high overhead is an occasional triangle of wild geese from the northern lakes off for the southland.

Now and then a village is reached with its meeting house, district school, great elms and old homes; and about noon the coach-load dismount from cramped quarters at some wayside inn for dinner with mine host ever of rotund form and genial smile, then hurry off in the springless stage, rumbling on in its winding course up and down the rough roads among the hills. Sometimes a ford is crossed, and again all must alight to climb a steep slope or lift the wheels from the mire. Six such days would take the traveler from Boston to New York, and he would rejoice if not delayed by heavy storms or deep mud.

At length the fall afternoon is closing in. The sun is sinking in a bank of storm clouds behind the western hills. The coach has reached the last turn in the road, and the cheery sight of the village spire gleaming in the sunset comes into view. The wayworn traveler joyfully hears once more the stage horn announce to the postmaster the coming mail, and bidding the landlord serve the evening meal; while the good natured driver gathers up the reins as the steaming, jaded team make the finishing sweep across the tavern yard—the crowning effort to a day of toil.

A short walk down the main street across the brook and up the slope beyond brings us to grandfather's. It is one of those stately *old homesteads*, painted red, with several gables, wings and lean-tos—contributions of the different generations which have made it their home. From the hillside it overlooks the mill

pond and nestles under some large protecting locust trees. A neat stone wall extends in front and runs away, branching and intersecting through the farm. During their season in various nooks of the dooryard beds of crocuses, snow-drops, hollyhocks, peonies, lilies, pinks and roses, yellow and white, amid box and other shrubbery, know the fostering care of grandmother. At one side is the friendly old orchard and garden. The large barns are just across the road and the farm lands stretch out on either side. There, too, are the well-curb and wood-pile. The porch is built into the house, and on the door the brass knocker—a smiling face in bas-relief with projecting arms and hands clasped indicative of the hospitality dwelling within. Swallows are wheeling their fitful flight about the chimney top, and from the gathering storm clouds flakes of snow are beginning to fall.

Grandfather and *grandmother* rush forth in the twilight, with a dozen uncles, aunts and cousins who have already arrived, and pour out a welcome which only such a company and occasion can impart. Grandfather is tall, straight and hardy, his kindly face smooth and ruddy, the mouth and prominent chin display firmness and determination, the eyes are bright and thoughtful, and snowy locks falling about his temples only add to his venerable appearance, in which intelligence and spirituality seem to beam from every feature. Grandmother inherits a strong, sturdy constitution as a daughter of the Puritans who brought to America the vigorous muscle, bone and life blood of the old English yeomanry. Her home displays a high regard for order and for the dignity of domestic duties, and her conscientious attention to household cares has never appeared as a detraction to her high mental qualities.

It is just candle-light and the tallow dips throw out a cheery welcome from brass candlesticks on table and shelf. The large best room is open in honor of the occasion with its aristocratic claw-footed furniture and neatly sanded floor. The clock ticks lustily in its tall case and hickory logs blazing on the andirons invite to the cozy seat in the chimney corner.

Space forbids details of the old-fashioned supper and the rare sociability following it in the spacious kitchen, the living room of early New England, during the stormy evening. Nuts are cracked, apples are roasted on the hearth and near by stands the generous stone pitcher of cider. Now and then some good neighbor calls to join the merry gathering and renew old acquaintance or discuss the clouds of revolution gathering in the political sky. The old house presents a lively scene of earnest talk and hearty laughter, for every worldly care has fled away from this Eden before the flaming sword of the mellow firelight.

The company leaves early and at 9 o'clock the distant curfew softly calls to cover the embers and retire. Grandfather reads from the large family Bible, and standing in Puritan style offers a simple prayer; then all join in singing a closing psalm. The feather beds are made snug by warming pan and canopies, and all soon fall asleep planning for the morrow and listening to the stormy wind, which like a troop of merry goblins frisks around the house, rattles the windows and whistles down the chimney.

At an early morning hour of *Thanksgiving Day* all is astir. A foot of snow has fallen and Jack Frost has sketched on every window-pane extravagant pictures of his palaces. Down in the sink room the toilet is completed with well water, soft soap and

roller towel of homespun linen. Grandfather rolls in the large back log and lays the fire, while willing hands care for the stock. After the early breakfast and family prayers, some of the cousins hurry away to the famous attic stored with the accumulations of generations—soldier caps, uniforms and swords, old fashioned clothes, great chests, books, papers, bric-a-brac and what-nots. Others build a fort in the orchard or coast on the hillside.

The jolly brick oven is quickly fired up and final preparations for the dinner are started. For a week all arrangements have been leading to this event. The spacious kitchen has resounded to the stirring, pounding and chopping and been a very hive of industry. The merits of various receipts have been discussed, busy hands have seeded raisins, ground spices in the mortar, sliced citron, pared apples, chopped mince meat, and done a thousand things for the festival.

The men break the paths and distribute baskets of goodies prepared by grandmother for several neighbors who have fallen ill, while later most of the household attend Thanksgiving service.

The long looked for *dinner* hour at length arrives, and such a dinner it is! The large table, covered with spotless homespun linen and set with ancient blue stone-china and antique silver kept for such occasions, is something to behold. When all gather grandfather says a simple grace. The great roast turkey richly browned is at the head of the table with here and there oddly shaped porringers, platters and tureens of steaming vegetables, baked and boiled, in almost endless variety. There are pigeon pie, corn fritters, and such pickles and jellies with marmalade and various sauces, besides hickory nuts, cider and apples. No

other day of the year sees as delicious custards and quince tarts, so many kinds of cakes, such a bouncing plum pudding stirred thick with dried fruit, or so great a number of pies, and each proclaiming the height of grandmother's art. This Yankee improvement on an English dish comes to crown the festivities, and comes in all the forms and in all the varieties which the ingenious New England housewife can contrive. Here we have mince and pumpkin and cranberry pies; the old molasses apple pie, and those with dried peaches, plums and pears. There is squash pie, rich currant pie, and juicy cherry pie and such bewitching custard and pudding pies. Some have no upper crust, some are decorated, most are plain, but each is acknowledged the perfection of its kind.

What jollity and wit such a gathering inspires. All are young again and most heartily enter the full enjoyment of the occasion. It is the day of days. It calls back to the older ones those happy times before the children married and went away. None thrill with more pleasure than beams from every feature of grandfather and grandmother who, though in the sunset of life, with their family gathered about them, feel the old energy of their prime.

Time flies quickly by, and the low afternoon sun is casting long shadows when justice has been done to each and every dish, and all have ate and talked and talked and ate until they can contain no more.

With dinner over, grandfather in stately reverence arises at the head of the table and, conforming with Puritan custom, recites the mercies of God during the past year, draws lessons from the misfortunes and touchingly refers to those who have de-

parted. Psalms of thanksgiving are sung and eventually all closes with a prayer.

Later, before the cheery hearth the evening flits away amid reminiscences of early times on the farm, grandfather's tales and family traditions. Games are played, riddles guessed and songs sung, until early bed time comes to draw its inevitable curtain about it all.

The old *Puritan merriment* was genuine and abundant. Their wheel of life was well oiled and Yankee wit is of the first order. Being blessed with happiness they felt less the need of entertainment. Besides, reaching the higher ambitions in life was in itself an amusement to such a people. However, in each community jolly companies gathered at husking bees and maple sugar making. The village singing school was well attended. The women found pleasure in quilting frolics, apple parings and spinning wheel parties; while to the men house raisings, log rollings, with hunting and trout fishing brought enjoyment. Election day was one of their lively times each year when the officials took office amid public demonstrations. The minister preached his well studied election sermon, and the housewives strained every effort on election cake, a sort of rusk rich with fruit and wine, sometimes from receipts handed down a hundred years. Then the general trainings brought an all day outing with luncheon under the trees, awakened their military spirit and sometimes aroused their excitement with a sham battle. Christmas and Easter were lightly passed over as bordering on Romanism.

Their *Calvinism* brought strong, positive religious beliefs and created ability for vigorous self-government. Although their

teachings regarding election, predestination, depravity, church government, etc., were considered dry and hard, the Calvinistic preachers were described as a jolly set, bristling with jokes and stories. These ministers were full of interest and deserve high admiration. They were the intellectual and aristocratic leaders in their communities. Their example stimulated high ideals and aspirations. Their opinions on public questions were of first importance. The school came under their guardian eye. They induced parents to liberally educate their sons. In frontier sections they drew wills and deeds and even practiced medicine. Their seclusion often encouraged literary efforts but nearly all spent a part of their time in farming.

The Puritans attended most carefully to things of this life, yet probably no other people were so completely influenced in public and private policies by considerations of the world to come, so closely were they in touch with the New Testament teachings. Our fathers' aims were to build up a social condition in which the advantages in life would be open to all, and where in peace they might have every encouragement for the talents of mind and body and be unhindered in the legitimate pursuit of fortune.

The *governing of children* was a subject of much consideration by the colonists. They declared that the child's will should be "broken" and held him to strictest obedience. In the presence of adults he must be mannerly and respectful and speak only when spoken to. They often repeated the maxim that "children should be seen and not heard," and believed that by sparing the rod they spoiled the child. Promising individualities were ignored and they were considered only as a number of little beings

to be dressed, fed, schooled and disciplined in accord with certain rules. Neatness, industry and efficiency were early impressed upon them as cardinal virtues. A boy's training was thought incomplete unless he were "bound out" to a master to learn a trade. Besides they received board, lodging, washing and medicines and sometimes a dozen pounds in money for tools or clothes. They went into all sorts of business under all sorts of masters. Often living was poor, clothing coarse and scanty and work long and hard. Girls at home were carefully taught to knit, spin, dye, quilt and patch, to dip candles, brew and bake, with a train of other mysteries in household economy.

With the preaching of *Rev. Jonathan Edwards* certain modifications were made in the doctrines of Calvin marking a notable departure from the religious basis on which the Puritan fathers had placed New England. Among its results was the noticeable change in attitude of the young people toward theology. The old dictum that "the seed of the Church are born holy" had spread a loving spirit of hope over sunny infancy and childhood, and the youth grew up in close sympathy with the religious views of their parents. They were thus considered members of the church and expected to show becoming conduct, besides an early public profession confirming the action of their parents in their infant baptism. But after Edwards it was held that all young people were lost until converted. Now, the childish mind was taught that each thought and deed of its life was only evil until it repented for sin. Though the offender was an innocent Puritan maiden having an exacting conscience, loving absolute right and seeking the Divine will, yet she was classed, under the new views, as utterly lacking in moral excellence in God's sight while with-

out a certain emotional experience of conversion. Under such teachings, it is said, an air of indifference and even hatred toward religion crept into the young mind of New England.

Love for *liberal education* was widespread. As early as 1650 Conn. provided that every township of 50 households must sustain an elementary school for reading and writing, and every one of 100 must have a grammar school which prepared boys for college, for the planters themselves had received in many cases the best training of the Old World. It is interesting that corporal punishment was largely replaced in colonial schools by the moral and intellectual influence of the schoolmaster.

Under the circumstances many *originalities in character* appeared among them. It is said that just previous to the Revolution New England contained the purest Anglo-Saxon blood in existence. These sturdy sons and daughters of the Puritans were shrewd, toil hardened and vigorous, and descended from a full-blooded stock who displayed their energy and tenacity in seeking out bleak New England and subduing its rugged wilds. They lived secluded, thoughtful lives without the multitude of detractions—railroads, telegraph, telephone, mails, magazines, daily papers and a host of engaging books—which overwhelm us. Public opinion, the tendencies of successive generations and undeveloped resources bred frugality. Dressing was neat but usually very plain—the clothes being home spun, home dyed and home made.

Their keen *intellectual activity* impressed its character on our religion, literature, laws and politics as well as social and educational tendencies; and their villages of colonial homes with church, school house and tavern were true democracies—the first rays of the rising sun of our grand Republic.

FOURTH GENERATION.

All that is purest and best in man is but the echo of a mother's benediction; the hero's deeds are a mother's prayers fulfilled.—*F. W. Morton.*

88.

Susannah Doolittle(John, Abraham, Abraham) dau. of John and Mary (Fredericks) D. of W. was b. Feb. 24, 1706. A young woman in those days lived in the world of taste and thought. Her love of the beautiful was fed by the simple delights of nature. She was most devout, and energetically took up the family traditions and teachings from her parents. She delighted in her household accomplishments and looked forward to wedded life without the modern burden of care. Early marriages were the rule and were treated as very simple and natural affairs. In the 17th century a bachelor over 21 or a maid of more than 20 years was a rarity in New England. Though the Puritan wooing was shy, almost sombre, yet as husband and wife they settled down to a home-life of rare happiness.

Susannah was m. June 4, 1727, to Isaiah Tuttle, s. of Simon and Elizabeth (Abernathy) T. (15) b. July 10, 1704. He was ensign 1737; Justice of the Peace; Deacon in Congregational Church in North Haven 35 years. Susannah d. Mar. 6, 1760, a. 55. He m. (2) Deborah ———; and d. Sept. 11, 1776, a. 72; inv. £440.

CHILDREN.

329. i. Jonathan Tuttle b. May 19, 1728; set. in s. w. corner of town of W. near foot of the Blue Hills. The place is still known as Tuttle's Farms. He d. May 29, 1793, a. 65; m. Feb. 6, 1754, Hannah Barnes, who d. Nov. 26, 1831, a. 98. Ch.: Rebecca, Isaiah, Hannah, Sarah, David J., Samuel, Polly.
330. ii. Theophilus Tuttle b. Mar. 4, 1729, d. at W. 1787.
331. iii. Isaiah Tuttle b. Feb. 6, 1731; d. y.
332. iv. David Tuttle b. Jan. 31, 1734; d. Sept. 16, 1764.
333. v. Elizabeth Tuttle b. June 17, 1736; m. Titus (s. of Benj.) Todd.

He was b. July 16, 1730; d. 1805; was a deacon of the North Haven church; prob. m. (2) Esther Barnes and had 6 ch. Ch. of Elizabeth: Benjamin, Ichabod, Theophilus, Maria.

334. vi. Sarah Tuttle b. July 13, 1738; d. Apr. 21, 1760, unm.
335. vii. Isaiah Tuttle b. Nov. 29, 1742; d. y.
336. viii. Solomon Tuttle b. Aug. 20, 1746; d. Apr. 22, 1828, a. 82; m. Eunice (dau. of Simon) Tuttle b. 1751; d. 1838, a. 87. They res. in North Haven. He was Dea. in Cong. chh. 48 years. The following appears on his gravestone: "To a disposition naturally kind and affectionate was superadded Christian meekness. Like the beloved disciple, Christian love formed the chief trait of his character. An affectionate husband and indulgent parent, his virtues are engraven on the memories of his survivors." Ch.: David, Elizabeth, Zerniah, Elizabeth 2d, Zerniah 2d, Lucretia, Solomon, Sally and Salah (twins), Theophilus. [All but one reached adult age.]

John Doolittle (John, Abraham, Abraham) s. of John and Mary (Fredericks) D. was b. at W. Feb. 6, 1712, m. Hannah Royce Oct. 17, 1737. Articles of food were abundant and low in price, prob. from a scarcity of money. In 1740 a traveler in New England wrote that the markets had many kinds of meat and very cheap; fine fresh 10 lb. cod brought only 2 pence each, and 15 lb. salmon a shilling; the best beef, mutton, lamb and veal came at

1-2d sterling; 2s paid for a turkey and 10d a goose; wild pigeons were 10-20 pence a dozen. Venison was plentiful and fine haunches were half a crown each. Splendid butter was 2 pence a pound. All of which were much below the London prices. A little earlier a list of household fare included; boiled pork, bacon, vension, pigeons, roasts of beef, lamb, turkey, fowls, salmon, pork and beans, oysters, fish, legs of pork, bread and butter; mince pie, apple pie, tarts, ginger bread, honey, cream, sage, cheese, green peas, barley, yokhegg [Indian corn parched and pounded] in milk, apples, quinces, strawberries, cherries and raspberries; chocolate, oranges and figs.

The first settlers had beans, peas, turnips, parsnips, carrots and cucumbers and a dozen fruits and berries. Potatoes were not in general use in early years. Pumpkins were dried and made into sauce and even bread as well as famous pies from long and highly flavored receipts. Cranberries were plentiful. Samp was like hominy, and jonnie cake [or journey cake] was made from maize. Squashes as well as pumpkins were from the Indians, who also taught the Colonists to plant, cultivate, harvest, grind and cook the Indian corn. Hasty pudding, succotash, hominy, hoe cake and roasted ears of green corn were Indian receipts.

John and Hannah settled in W. where he d. in Nov., 1747. Hannah was appt. admrx. of his est. and guardian of Titus, Margery, Eunice and Hannah. Solomon Royce was made guardian of Philemon. Wid. Hannah m. 2] Nov. 1, 1748, Samuel Moss.

CHILDREN.

- 337. i. Philemon b. Sept. 1, 1738.
- 338. ii. Margery b. Feb. 25, 1740; m. Nathaniel Hall.
- 339. iii. Eunice b. Jan 30, 1742.
- 340. iv. Hannah b. May 12, 1744; m. Zophar Tuttle.
- 341. v. Titus b. June 12, 1746.

91.

Phebe Doolittle (John, Abraham, Abraham) dau. of John and Mary (Fredericks) D. was b. at W. Nov. 26, 1713. She m. Isaiah Moss Apr. 11, 1738, s. of Israel and Lydia Moss. One record says Phebe's est. was div. in 1747 among bros. and sis., another that she d. May 10, 1758. Isaiah may have m. a second time and had a s. Linus b. Mar. 2, 1761.

CHILDREN.

- 342. i. Phebe Moss b. June 3, 1739.
- 343. ii. Hezekiah Moss b. Jan. 20, 1741; d. July 10, 1742.
- 344. iii. Mehitable Moss b. Nov. 15, 1743.
- 345. iv. Hezekiah Moss b. Nov. 3, 1746.
- 346. v. Phebe Moss (?) b. Aug. 18, 1752.

93.

Obed Doolittle (John, Abraham, Abraham) s. of John and Mary (Fredericks) D. was b. at W. Oct. 2, 1717. He res. near W. and d. Nov. 4, 1746 a. 29. [after carefully considering much information bearing on the subject I believe he left at least two sons—Obed and possibly Samuel.]

CHILDREN.

- 347. i. Obed b. about 1740.
 - 348. ii. Samuel.
- [Both took the oath of Fidelity and Freeman's oath at Cheshire town hall in 1777.]

99.

Hezekiah Doolittle (Abraham, Abraham, Abraham) s. of Abraham and Mary (Lewis) D. of Cheshire Parish, Wallingford,

was a twin with Josiah, b. May 25, 1711. He m. Feb. 13, 1734 Hepzibah Tyler. They res. at W. till about 1750 when they rem. to Litchfield Ct. where he lived to a good old age, dying in 1785. He made his will Oct. 22, 1785. It gives to "Hepzibah my well beloved wf. one-half of my house and barn and one-third of the improvements of all my lands, together with my moveable est. with all my household furniture and farming utensils." This will is owned by his great grandson Orrin Doolittle of Windham, N. Y., who also has several deeds given to Hezekiah. The latter used the spelling *Doolitell*, and the descendants of his s. Frederick still write it thus. The above will also mentions the ch. of sons Barnabas and Hezekiah. Son Frederick was given "one-third part of the est. which fell to me from my honored father." Son Benjamin rec'd another third of this est. Children of dau. Mehitable Kilborn are mentioned also daus., Bethiah Cain and Phebe Smedly. Wf. Hepzibah and s. Frederick excrs.

CHILDREN.

349. i. Barnabas b. Jan. 8, 1736; m. and raised a family.
350. ii. Mehitable b. Feb. 28, 1738; m. Isaac Kilborn.
351. iii. Hepzibah b. Aug. 14, 1740.
352. iv. Hezekiah b. May 4, 1742; m. and raised a family.
353. v. Anthony b. Jan. 31, 1744.
354. vi. Bethiah b. Aug. 17, 1746, m. (1) Jonathan Smith.
355. vii. William b. June 6, 1748.
356. viii. Mary b. Feb. 25, 1750.
357. ix. Frederick b. 1752.
358. x. Benjamin sett. in Delaware Co., N. Y.
359. xi. Phebe m. — Smedley; was living 1785.



OLD HOMESTEAD OF
AMBROSE DOOLITTLE (102) CHESHIRE, CT.



Abraham and Mary (Lewis) D. was b. at Cheshire Nov. 23, 1719. He m. Martha, dau. of Wm. and Rebecca Munson of C., b. Apr. 2, 1729. They res. at C. till his death. Their house (a picture of which is here given) was at a later period the home of Willard Stevens, who carried on the blacksmith business at the forks of the road running north.

There were then two types of dwellings, the "square" house and the "lean-to." Colonial houses were painted red and had no blinds, as these did not come into use until the first quarter of last century. Solemnly they faced the storms and held back the encroachments of a rigorous climate—their owner's greatest enemies, and turned inward their smiles beaming with all those charms which cling to that enchanting word, home! Raspberries and currant bushes usually grew about the windows, and apples and pears near by. The house-doors were unlocked and often open in early times, so that chirp of cricket, call of whipporwill or croak of frog lulled the household to repose. But few of those old homesteads remain and date so far back that their original owners are nearly forgotten.

In 1776 Ambrose and his bro. Abraham were privates in Capt. Bunnell's comp. of Conn. State troops from W. in the Revol. (see close of 106). Ambrose d. Sept. 25, 1793, a. 74, and is buried at C. He was mentioned in the will of his bro. Charles, who died in 1784.

CHILDREN.

- 360. i. Ambrose b. Dec. 27, 1751.
- 361. ii. Amos b. May 8, 1754.

- 362. iii. Mratha b. Aug. 30, 1756.
- 363. iv. Eunice b. June 21, 1758; m. Joseph Morgan.
- 364. v. Abner b. July 27, 1760.
- 365. vi. Samuel, twin, b. Mar. 28, 1763.
- 366. vii. Silas, twin.
- 367. viii. Reuben b. May 1, 1766.
- 368. ix. Loly b. June 9, 1769; prob. m. Rufus Hotchkiss at C.
Dec. 27, 1792.
- 369. x. Mary Ann b. Feb. 23, 1771; d. Apr. 1 sm. yr.
- 370. xi. Eliakim b. Aug. 29, 1772.
- 371. xii. Lois.
- 372. xiii. Thankful m. Capt. Solomon Doolittle (311).

103.

Charles Doolittle (Abraham, Abraham, Abraham) s. of Abraham and Mary (Lewis) D. was b. at C. He was a grantee at Bennington, Vt., in Jan. 1749. His will dated, Mar., 1784, gives "to my beloved brothers Ambrose and Abraham both of Cheshire" and Ambrose's sons, Ambrose, Amos, Abner, Samuel, Silas, Reubin and Eliakim. Charles d. at C. in 1784.

104.

Zebulon Doolittle (Abraham, Abraham, Abraham) was s. of Abraham and Mary (Lewis) D. of C. He m. Mary Johnson July 19, 1744. They res. in that part of W. called New Cheshire Parish. Neighborliness was next to religion with those early folks and was seen in all details of daily life from visiting and watching with the sick, helping with the harvest to house-raising. The eminent and lowly were equally ready to lend a helping hand.

CHILDREN.

373. i. Sarah b. Apr. 7, 1745.
374. ii. John b. May 24, 1748.
375. iii. May b. June 1, 1751.

106.

Lieut. Abraham Doolittle (Abraham, Abraham, Abraham) s. of Abraham and Mary (Lewis) D., was b. at C. Aug. 29, 1728. He m. Sarah —, and was a popular inn-keeper at W. during the French war. His house was the most noted tavern on the main road between Boston and New York. It was removed from its old site to the south corner opposite the Congregational church by Eben Smith, who occupied it as a hotel for several years. It was still in existence a few years since.

The colonial tavern of long ago stands as an enchanted spot and is clothed in a haze of romance and good cheer. It was the point toward which everything focused and was the scene of all sorts of social gatherings and merrymakings: weddings, dinners, balls, militia musters, auctions, elections—all centered there with their respective crowds. Dickens says of them: "Great, rambling, queer old places they were with galleries and passages and stair cases wide enough and antiquated enough to furnish material for a hundred ghost stories."

The great room at one of these public houses was the most important part of the establishment and nearly an entire side of it was taken up by the large fireplace. Here big cordwood logs burned in winter, but in summer it was decorated with evergreens. The room had a low ceiling with great beams, and the oaken floor was kept scrubbed and sanded.

Nearly all the old taverns took some part in the Revolution. It was here the rugged sons enlisted. Here was said adieu and God-speed to father and son, husband and sweetheart who marched for the front. Here the townsfolk gathered to take public action and arrange to forward supplies or provide for the families of those in the field. Here was received the first news of victory and defeat, and at length when peace and independence were secured the tavern walls rang with the shouts of triumph, and the homecoming heroes were feasted in the very room where they had enlisted and planned the foundation of our liberties.

Militia musters and general "trainin's" were red letter days in the old tavern's history. Then resources of bar and kitchen were heavily drawn upon. Though liquor flowed freely, drunkenness was rare. Cider was the most common drink, but French brandy, slings, punch, rum, ale, toddy, beer, porter, flip, mead, sack, Madeira, port, sherry and claret were popular and sold by gill, "nip," bowl or glass. Cider was very plentiful and could be bought at 3s-6s a barrel. In 1671 there were 500 hogsheads of it made from one orchard. Many families each year stored away an extra cask of cider for tramp Indians.

Winter evenings brought to the inn sleighing parties of stalwart, ruddy youths and red-cheeked, bright-eyed maidens who danced to the music of flute, viol or spinet. Though the minuet was the most graceful, the hornpipe, jig and old time contra dances were entered into more enthusiastically. Here the first gentleman was "to foot it to the second lady and both turn single" and the "first three couples laze, then lead down in the middle and back again," when "the first couple three hands round with the

second lady, allemande; three hands round with the second gentleman, allemande again; lead down two couples, up again, cast off one couple, hands round with the third, right hand and left." Followed at an early hour with supper and a jolly homeward ride, it formed fond memories vividly recalled in after years.

The tavern keeper was as picturesque a personage as appeared in colonial days. He ever held office and was a prominent character in local affairs. He was an authority on all public and private matters, as all news and gossip was discussed around his blazing fire in winter or under his trees or on his shady porch in summer. Public questions, trade, theology, science, crops, politics, scandal, local gossip and siftings of private character were well mixed into the enticing drafts of colonial times. He was usually good natured, fat, obliging and thrifty, was ever prepared to assume the varied positions to which he was so often called on short notice, from collector of taxes, ferryman, schoolmaster, surveyor, leader of church singing or head of the train band, to member of town council, representative in the legislature and solemn judge of the local court. Contact with people brought him tact, experience and sharp wits. He could tell of the most thrilling adventures and ever came out first in an argument, trade or joke.

John Dunton, writing in those days, describes the tavern hostess as "of a middle size, her face round and pretty, her speech and behavior gentle and courteous. She is all obedience; the hyacinth follows not the sun more willingly than she her husband's pleasure. Her household is her charge; her only pride is to be neat and cleanly. She is both wise and religious, and in a word, whatsoever men may talk of magick, there none charms like her."

The good old days of the stage tavern, the mail coach and its popular, talkative, good-natured driver are to this generation things of the shadowy past. Never again about its hospitable hearth shall gather that company of whips for a parting pipe when guests are dreaming, night coaches in, horses comfortably stalled and smoldering embers in its ample fireplace give a fitful, ruddy light. There in their quaint old chairs with whiffs of smoke curling about their cheerful, weather-beaten faces—heavy wet boots steaming on the hearth—they chat by turns, stir the fire, laugh at the storm and call up some witty experience or reminiscence of the route. But the onward rush of the locomotive has changed it all, and the curtain has been rung down on the scene for ever.

The following anecdote is told of Landlord Doolittle. Lord Loudon, while on his way to Canada in the time of the old French war, put up at Doolittle's house with his coach and four splendid horses. It is said the host was much in the habit of using large words out of their appropriate place and meaning. On this occasion he felt a special call for them. In the morning he carefully looked at the fine blooded team in the presence of his titled guest, and on each of the horses employed every superlative of a considerable character until he came to the fourth animal. "What do you think of that one?" asked his lordship. "It is a *precarious* good horse," replied the landlord. This word *precarious* stuck to Mr. Doolittle as long as he lived.

Some of the early laws governing taverns said that no minor, apprentice, or servant could have drink at the inn, and prohibited social gatherings there on the day before and following the Lord's Day and fast days. Further, no one could remain after 9 p. m., and tavern haunTERS' names were posted so they could not receive liquor.

Abraham and s. Isaac were in the Continental army in 1775 under Capt. Jas. Arnold and were honorably disc. in the Northern Dept. Nov. 25 and Dec. 7, 1775, respectively. It was Co. G of 1st reg't under Gen. Wooster. Reg't was raised on first call of legislature for troops Apr.-May, '75; marched by request of Continental Congress to N. Y. City in June and encamped at Harlem. In Sept. under orders from Congress the reg't marched to Northern Dept. and under Gen. Schuyler took part in operations along Lakes George and Champlain; assisted in reduction of St. Johns in Oct. Later stationed at Montreal. Adopted as Continental. As much sickness prevailed many soldiers were furloughed or mustered out in Oct. and Nov. and remainder reorganized.

Abraham enlisted in Capt. Bunnell's comp. in '76. It was 7th Co. of Col. Douglass' reg't in Wadsworth's brigade. He was prob. then residing at Cheshire. These troops were raised in June, '76, to reinforce Washington in N. Y.; were on right of line of works during battle of Long Island Aug. 27th and in the retreat to N. Y. Aug. 29-30. Took part when N. Y. was attacked Sept. 15th.; at battle of White Plains Oct. 28. Term expired Dec. 25, '76. His death was before 1777 although he was mentioned in the will of his bro. Charles who d. in 1784.

CHILDREN.

- 376. i. Barnabas b. July 15, 1752.
- 377. ii. Isaac b. July 25, 1755.
- 378. iii. John b. Oct. 21, 1761; owned lands in C. in 1777; was living in 1805.

Annie Doolittle (Thomas, Abraham, Abraham), dau. of

Thomas and Sarah (Abernathy) D., was b. at W. Dec. 20, 1730. She m. Ebenezer, poss. b. July 6, 1737, s. of Ebenezer and Lydia (Barnes) Parker and set. at W. She named her 3d child after her sis. Jemima Doolittle, who had recently d. The clothes of these baby Puritans were extremely simple. The little shirt of linen was short sleeved with tiny rows of hemstitching and drawn work; the gowns shapeless like sacks of linen embroidered by hand and puckered into shape by linen bobbin. They wore caps at all seasons and had little linen mittens. The cradle was hooded. Baby was carried upstairs when first moved with gold or silver in its hands to bring wealth and cause him to rise in the world, and scarlet was put on its head as a charm to protect from harm. Worms, rickets and fits were common troubles of babyhood, but the rigorous climate was chief cause of an appalling infantile mortality.

CHILDREN.

- 379. i. Ebenezer Parker b. July 4, 1762, d. y.
- 380. ii. Jabez Parker b. July 18, 1763.
- 381. iii. Jemima Doolittle Parker b. Nov. 16, 1764.
- 382. iv. Thomas Parker b. May 1, 1767.
- 383. v. Ebenezer Parker b. May 7, 1771.

112.

Thomas Doolittle (Thomas, Abraham, Abraham), s. of Thomas and Sarah (Abernathy) D., of W., where he was b. Mar. 5, 1736. He m. Sarah, dau. of Joshua Gitteau, of Bethlehem, whose two sons were physicians of note in northern Conn. Thomas and Sarah set. in Bethlehem where their old homestead



ANCIENT HOMESTEAD OF
THOMAS DOOLITTLE (112) BETHLEHEM, CT.

is still to be seen (1902) near the house built and occupied by his s. Ephraim and the dwelling of his gr. s. David E. Sarah d. in 1796 and her gravestone is standing in the old cemetery at Bethlehem. Thomas Doolittle signed the following agreement July 18, 1776: "We, the householders of Bethlehem, do volunteer and engage to equip ourselves for the defense of our rights."

CHILDREN.

- 384. i. Thomas.
- 385. ii. Abner b. June 19, 1765.
- 386. iii. Ephraim b. Mar. 12, 1768.
- 387. iv. David.
- 388. v. Wait.

113.

Mary Doolittle (Samuel, John, Abraham), dau. of Samuel and Mahettable (———) D., of W., was b. June 16, 1712. She and John Tyler were m. Nov. 9, 1741. He was s. of John and Abigail (Hall) T., of W., b. Jan. 14, 1710; m. 1] Phebe Beach 1731 and had 4 ch. He was a descendant of Wm. Tyler who came from Devonshire, Eng.

CHILDREN.

- 389. i. John Tyler b. Aug. 15, 1742; grad. at Yale College 1765; was ordained by the Bishop of London in 1768 and became an Episcopal minister. He entered upon his duties as pastor of Christ Church, Norwich, Ct., in 1769. His death occurred Jan. 20, 1823, after a pastorate of 54 years. He m. May 6, 1770, Hannah (dau. of Isaac) Tracy, who d. 1826. Ch.: Hannah, John, Samuel, Mary, Eunice, Elizabeth, John 2d, Zerviah, Harriet.
- 390. ii. Phebe Tyler b. "Thanksgiving Day," Nov. 10, 1743; m. Ephraim Cook of W. b. 1744. She d. Nov. 26, 1816.

114.

Mindwell Doolittle (Samuel, John, Abraham), dau. of Samuel and Mahettable (———) D., of W., was b. June 11, 1715. She m. David (Daniel?) Moss, of W. He was b. Oct. 28, 1717, s. of Solomon and Ruth (Peck) M. They prob. set. at W. These women and their daughters delighted in embroidery. In summer they took pleasure in caring for their pretty old fashioned flowers, but in the long winter evenings they were fond of spinning before the large kitchen hearth, while the men made brooms, told stories, and all joined in cracking nuts, roasting apples and drinking cider.

CHILDREN.

- 391. i. Chloe Moss b. Dec. 6, 1739.
- 392. ii. Simeon Moss b. Oct. 16, 1740.
- 393. iii. David Moss b. Sept. 30, 1742.

115.

Phineas Doolittle (Samuel, John, Abraham), s. of Samuel and Mehettable (———) D., of W., where he m. Elizabeth Bassit May 21, 1740. They res. at East Haven, Conn. He was a ship carpenter and sailor. In the French and Indian war he was captured and held prisoner 3 years by the French.

CHILDREN.

- 394. i. Mehettable (poss.), who m. Abraham Norton in 1766 at Watertown, Ct. He was of Guilford and Wolcott, Ct., b. 1742, s. of John and Mary (Groton) N. He and Mehettable had 4 sons and 9 daus.
- 395. ii. Eunice (poss.), who m. Amos Fenn in 1766 at Watertown.

396. iii. Esther (poss.), who m. Jacob Foote in 1766 at Watertown.
 397. iv. Elizabeth (poss.), who m. Obed Williams in 1776 at Watertown.
 398. v. Abel sett. in Windsor, N. Y., (prob. b. at Watertown Dec. 2, 1757).

116.

Samuel Doolittle (Samuel, John, Abraham), s. of Samuel and Mary (Hitchcock?) D., was b. at W. Dec. 9, 1721. He m. Dec. 9, 1747, Eunice Merriman. They set. at W. It is prob. he d. May 14, 1749, although his name was mentioned in connection with the sale of his father's homestead in Nov. of that year. Sometimes the church bell was tolled at sunset or sunrise if a death had occurred during the past 12 hours. Neighbors watched with the sick and laid out the dead. Funeral rings and gloves were often given in some parts of New England by the family of the deceased to their friends.

Eunice may have m. 2] Mar. 25, 1754, Ephraim Preston, of W. He was s. of Lt. Ephraim and Rebecca P. and m. 2] Esther
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CHILD.

399. Samuel b. Apr. 11, 1749.

117.

Abel Doolittle (Samuel, John, Abraham), s. of Samuel and Mary (Hitchcock?) D. b. at W. May 5, 1724. He m. Thankful Moss and set. in Watertown, Conn. She was dau. of John Moss, of Wallingford. The marriage was at Meriden Mar. 19, 1744-5.

Abel was then of Westbury. He d. at Watertown of smallpox Dec. 24, 1764, and his gravestone is standing in the cemetery there. Thankful prob. d. of same disease. It is interesting that in those days "classes" were formed of those who believed in exposing themselves to this infection and then being isolated together and treated, in order to be free in future from those alarming ravages of this scourge, which under vaccination and careful sanitary laws we know little of. They had 3 s. and 7 dau. Most of the daus. lived and d. in Conn. Mary, mother of Abel, d. at Watertown Dec. 20, 1760.

CHILDREN.

- 400. i. Harley.
- 401. ii. Mary b. Jan. 28, 1746-7; m. Jonathan Scott.
- 402. iii. Thankful b. June 15, 1748 (Watertown record says June 1, 1749); m. Lot Osborn.
- 403. iv. John b. Feb. 11, 1751. (Watertown record says Jan. 31, 1750.)
- 404. v. Jerusha b. Dec. 13, 1752; m. Robert McEwen.
- 405. vi. Milicent b. Jan. 22, 1755; m. Samuel Beardslee.
- 406. vii. dau. d. in Conn.
- 407. viii. dau. d. in Conn.
- 408. ix. Abi (dau.) b. Mar. 9, 1760; d. in Conn.
- 409. x. Uri b. Sept. 13, 1762.

118.

Mahittable Doolittle (Samuel, John, Abraham), dau. of Samuel and Mary (Hitchcock?) D., was b. at W. Sept. 28, 1726. She m. at Waterbury Jan. 29, 1746, Capt. Michael, s. of Isaac and Elizabeth (Todd) Dayton (74), b. June 4, 1722. He was capt. of militia and served in the Revol. army where he was taken ill; returned home to Watertown and d. Sept. 22, 1776, leaving con-

siderable est. Some of their sons served in the Revol. war. Mahittable d. July 9, 1813, a. 87. Michael was bro. of Elizabeth Dayton (74). He was one of the founders of the Congregational church in Westbury, Ct.

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CHILDREN.

410. i. Charles Dayton b. Nov. 3, 1747; d. June 22, 1834, a. 87; was a farmer; Dea. of church at Watertown, Ct., m. (1) Sept. 30, 1773, a dau. of Daniel and Hannah (Judd) Guernsey, b. 1756, d. 1788. He m. (2) Elizabeth Semon, of Washington, Ct. Ch.: Phymest, Charles, Mary, Roxana, Chancey, Matthew, John G., Asenath.
411. ii. David Dayton b. July 23, 1749.
412. iii. Miriam Dayton b. Jan. 26, 1751; m. — Munson, of W.
413. iv. Michael Dayton b. Sept. 11, 1752; d. 1805. He m. Abigail (dau. of Timothy and Sarah [Guernsey]) Foot, b. 1764. They res. at Waterbury. Ch.: Charles, David.
414. v. Justus Dayton b. June 30, 1754; Capt. in Revol., d. abt. 1825; m. 1777 Hannah Titus who d. 1835. Ch.: Spencer, Russell, Rhoda, Jonah, Mehitabel, Buelah, Henry, Justus, Chester, Archibald, Elizabeth.
415. vi. Mehittable Dayton b. Sept. 11, 1756, m. 1780, Sam. Seymour, res. in Watertown, Ct. Ch.: Samuel, James H., Truman.
416. vii. Loly Dayton b. Mar. 21, 1758, d. Jan. 30, 1830, m. Amos Titus.
417. viii. Elizabeth Dayton b. Sept. 16, 1759, m. Amasa Mattoon.
418. ix. Isaac Dayton b. May 30, 1761, rem. to Harpersfield, N. Y.; d. 1812.
419. x. Samuel Dayton b. Sept. 27, 1762.
420. xi. Lyman Dayton b. Aug. 27, 1764, m.; Ch.: Isaac, Samuel.
421. xii. Abel Dayton b. Feb. 28, 1766.
422. xiii. Olive Dayton, m. — Munson.

Benjamin Doolittle (Samuel, John, Abraham), s. of Samuel

and Mary (Hitchcock?) D., of W., was b. Jan. 17, 1730. He m. July 7, 1752, Elizabeth Doolittle (62), and set. in W. At the outbreak of the Revolution he took his own oxen and cart and hauled shot and shell in the Continental army, serving from Bunker Hill to Yorktown and was present at the surrender of Cornwallis. In the dark days of the Revol. the good housewife often carried on the farm work while her husband and sons were in camp. She would care for the stock, attend to the planting, and gather the crops in the autumn. These women had the energy of men associated with the gentleness of women. Benj. d. Sept. 22, 1782. He owned lands near Muddy river in W. His est. was distributed about 1783 to his wid. Elizabeth and 5 ch. He res. at W. in 1752 and conveyed 58 a. in Waterbury to Caleb Munson for £700. Will of Elizabeth Doolittle late of W. (wid. of Benj.) was probated 1814 by s. Samuel. It gives to dau. Sarah and grandson Anson. But Sarah had recently d. and her will was presented at same time by bro. Samuel who was appt. sole exec. It names bro. Samuel, sis. Elizabeth wf. of Johnson Doolittle (699) and nephew Anson Doolittle (s. of 426).

CHILDREN.

- 423. i. Benjamin b. July 15, 1753.
- 424. ii. Sarah b. Feb. 21, 1756; her will probated at W. in Apr., 1814.
- 425. iii. Charles b. about 1758; m. Abigail Howd at Branford, Ct., Feb. 18, 1787, by Rev. Jason Atwater. Chas. served in the Revol. and was a pensioner in 1832 in New Haven Co., Ct. His wf. d. Nov. 27, 1818, a. abt. 60, and is buried at W. He d. June 8, 1838 a. 80; buried at W.
- 426. iv. Samuel b. about 1760.
- 427. v. Elizabeth b. abt. 1763, m. Johnson Doolittle (699).

130.

Lydia Doolittle (Rev. Benjamin, John, Abraham), dau. of Rev. Benjamin and Lydia (Todd) D., of Northfield, Mass., where she was b. Aug. 24, 1720. She m. John, s. of Peter and Mary (Allen) Evans, of N. He was b. Dec. 2, 1711, at Deerfield, Mass., was lieut., Hinsdale, 1753; d. Feb. 23, 1781. Lydia d. Apr. 2, 1806, a. 85.

CHILDREN.

- 428. i. Asher Evans, major; at Rockingham, Vt., 1779.
- 429. ii. Ethin Evans.
- 430. iii. Ore Evans.
- 431. iv. Zeri Evans, of Hartford, Vt., 1786.
- 432. v. Asa Evans, of Hartford, Vt., 1786.
- 433. vi. Henry Evans, set. in Guilford, Vt.
- 434. vii. Eldad Evans twin b. Apr. 27, 1749; m. Betsey —, set. in Hinsdale.
- 435. viii. Mindwell Evans twin.
- 436. ix. Medad Evans b. 1750; m. Mary —, who d. 1833 a. 83.
He d. 1833.
- 437. x. Lydia Evans bapt. 1751; m. 1773 Ebenezer Cooper.
- 438. xi. — Urial Evans bapt. 1753; m. 1774 Lucretia Evans (481).
- 439. xii. John Evans bapt. 1755; d. y.
- 440. xiii. Elzi Evans bapt. 1758; of Hartland 1768.
- 441. xiv. John Evans bapt. 1760, m. 1778 Rhoda Putnam.
- 442. xv. Phila Evans bapt. 1762.
- 443. xvi. Selah Evans b. 1778; d. 1792.

132.

Eunice Doolittle (Rev. Benjamin, John, Abraham), dau. of Rev. Benjamin and Lydia (Todd) D., was b. at Northfield Jan. 24, 1724. She m. Lt. Samuel Ashley, s. of Daniel and Thankful (Hawkes) (Taylor) A. He was b. Mar. 20, 1720. They set. at Winchester, N. H., about 1754; lieut. 1764. Thankful was dau. of Eleazur Hawkes.

CHILDREN.

- 444. i. Oliver Ashley b. Oct. 20, 1743.
- 445. ii Tirza Ashley b. Dec. 24, 1745.
- 446. iii. Samuel Ashley b. Sept. 29, 1747; Col., m. Lydia Doolittle (470).
- 447. iv. Thankful Ashley b. Nov. 10, 1749; m. Oct. 7, 1771, John s. of John and Abigail (Rockwood) Alexander. Ch.: Abigail, Susannah, Thankful, John, Oliver. John Sr. d. 1806. There is a tradition in the family that 6 mo. after his death he appeared and had a long talk with his wid. An account of it is published in Thomas' Almanac of 1812.
- 448. v. Eunice Ashley b. Dec. 17, 1751.
- 449. vi. Daniel Ashley b. Jan. 15, 1754.
- 450. vii. Luther Ashley b. Apr. 27, 1762, d. y.
- 451. viii. Luther Ashley b. Aug. 19, 1764; rem. from Shutesbury to Deerfield 1804; m. Eunice ——. Ch.: Gilbert, Nancy, Dexter, Louisa, Dennis, Harriet, Emily.
- 452. ix. Susanna Ashley b. Dec. 16, 1766.

133.

Susanna Doolittle (Rev. Benjamin, John, Abraham), dau. of Rev. Benjamin and Lydia (Todd) D., of N., was b. June 13, 1726. She m. 1741 Capt. Seth, s. of Zachariah and Sarah (Mattoon) Field. They set. at N., where he was for many years the leading spirit in religious, civil and military affairs; was town clerk and treasurer for 40 years and schoolmaster 'nearly as long—beginning the first school in N. in 1737. The terms continued 20 weeks each winter and his compensation 10s per week. He is called "the father of Unitarianism at Northfield." He had been fitted for college by Rev. Benj. Doolittle, with whom he also studied theology and probably imbibed the latter's liberal sentiments. Though licensed to preach he did not long follow this line but turned to teaching. He took an active part in the defense of the frontier

during the French and Indian wars, taking part in several expeditions against the enemy, and being elected capt. at N. in 1756. Was lieut. in Capt. Williams' comp. at Crown Point in 1757, and capt. in same reg't at Ticondaroga 1759; was on the frontier till close of Indian war 1760. While lt. in 1755 he took part in the well known fight with the French and Indians on Lake George. He was commissioner and justice of the peace many years at N., where he became a prosperous merchant and leading citizen. He was b. at Deerfield, Mass., Sept. '28, 1712, grad. at Yale college 1732; d. May 3, 1792. The following lines appear on his gravestone:

"Death comfortably ends
A wellspent useful life."
"In memory of Mrs.
Susanna the late
Amiable Consort of
Seth Field, Esq., she
Departed this Life
Nov. 15, 1787, In the
61 year of her age.

The inscription on Susanna's gravestone reads:

Life is uncertain, Death is Sure
Sin made the wound but Christ the cure."

CHILDREN.

453. i. George Field b. Dec. 22, 1742; res. at N., sergt. at the surrender of Burgoyne, m. 1769 Martha (dau. of Samuel) Smith; d. 1803. Ch.: Melinda, Francis, Pattie b. May 26, 1775, in Adrastus Doolittle (476), Roswell, Polly, George, Lucretia, Jesse, Seth, Elihu.
454. ii. Rufus Field b. Nov. 22, 1744; m. Elizabeth dau. of Moses Field. Ch.: Clarissa, Elizabeth, Sylvester, Charlotte, Kate, Hollis, Rufus, Alice, Lydia T., Fanny, Seth.
455. iii. Katherine Field b. May 29, 1746, d. Aug. 24 sm. yr.

- 456. iv. Katharine Field (2d) b. Aug. 1, 1747, m. Sept. 23, 1767, Elijah Mattoon (s. of Nathaniel); she d. Aug. 8, 1835, a. 88. Ch.: Sarah, Lucy, Susanna, Katy, Elijah.
- 457. v. Sibyl Field b. Oct. 15, 1749; m. Aug. 5, 1768, Oliver Doolittle (467).
- 458. vi. Susanna Field b. July 10, 1751, m. Mar. 18, 1771, Ashahel s. of Asahel Stebbins b. 1750, was in the campaign of 1777, d. 1822. She d. Apr. 9, 1835, a. 84. Ch.: Eliphas, Olive, Thomas, Susanna F., Lydia, Cyrus, Asahel, Mary, Francis.
- 459. vii. Francis Field b. June 23, 1753; d. 1770.
- 460. viii. Olive Field b. Aug. 19, 1755, m. Cotton Dickinson.
- 461. ix. Rhoda Field b. Oct. 21, 1757, m. Sylvanus Watriss of New Windsor. Revol. soldier 1779. Ch.: Asa, Henry, Patty.
- 462. x. Henry Field b. Sept. 2, 1759; Revol. soldier 1779; d. Jan. 4, 1813. He m. 1783 Rhoda Stratton who d. 1833, a. 71. Ch.: Sophia, Rhoda, Henry, Charles, Zenophen, Mary S., Erasmus J.
- 463. xi. Seth Field b. Nov. 6, 1761; physician; Revol. soldier 1780.
- 464. xii. Fanny Field b. Nov. 6, 1763; m. Feb. 15, 1786, Asa Gates, of Brimfield.
- 465. xiii. Charles F. Field b. Aug. 20, 1765; d. 1792.
- 466. xiv. Theodore Field b. May 7, 1769; rem. to Brookfield.

134.

Lucius Doolittle (Rev. Benjamin, John, Abraham), s. of Rev. Benjamin and Lydia (Todd) D., of Northfield, where he was b. May 16, 1728; was a soldier in the French war. He set. in N. and kept a noted stage tavern at the north end of the main street for many years, till the establishment of the turnpike, with its toll-gates drove the travel from southern Vermont for Boston to a more northern route. This property a few years ago was the homestead of Chas. Alexander but is now occupied by Northfield Sem., Revelle Hall.

The tavern in those times was a centre of good fellowship.

It occupied a unique place in the life of the community, and was next in importance to church and village store. It was the scene for social gatherings and merrymakings, summer and winter, for all the region round. The vendue was an event in its life and "general trainin's" several times a year, for the men between the ages of 16 and 60, brought together more people than any other occurrence. On these days besides the military marches and maneuvers were such sports as running, leaping, wrestling, nine pins, and quoits, and friendships were renewed and new ones made. They drank to each other's health and prosperity at the tavern bar, and all found it a day of days to swap new gossip. Training day underwent many modifications and only in recent times has ceased entirely.

The old sign which swung out at the tavern is still preserved. On the top is the date 1784. In the centre is painted a rabbit, with a tall elm tree standing on the right and left; and underneath in clear cut lettering is "Doolittle's Tavern." It was a swinging sign and the inscription and pictures are alike on both sides. The sign was always a conspicuous feature at an inn and hung either on the front of the house or on a shade tree or nearby post. Its emblem or device was usually suggestive of the tavern's name.

Mr. D. in 1751 received 137½ acres of land in the fourth division in N. besides the lands he received at the death of his father in 1749. May 12, 1759, he sells to Philip Mattoon the lot at N. with barn and cow house thereon which was bought by his father for £160 in 1747. Dec. 31, 1761, he sells the old home lot received from his father, to Ebenezer Pomeroy, of Sunderland, for £200. In Nov., 1763, Lucius Doolittle, of N., deeds land in Wallingford, Ct., to Benjamin Doolittle (prob.), of W.

Lucius m. Sarah, dau. of Dea. Samuel and Sarah (dau. of Abraham Morton) Smith, of N. He and his bro. Amzi m. sisters. [Dea. Samuel was s. of Preserved and Mary (dau. of Chilab Smith) Smith, of Hadley. Preserved was s. of Samuel and Mary (dau. of James Ensign) Smith, and gr. son of Rev. Henry Smith, who prob. came over in the "Elizabeth" in 1635 and was set. in the ministry at Weathersfield, 1640, where he d. 1648.]

The name of Lucius Doolittle appears in list of grantees at Hertford, N. H., in 1761 and at Pittsford, N. H., same year, also with his 2 older sons at Grantham, N. H., 1767. In Sept., 1753, on petition from Lydia, Lucius and Amzi Doolittle, the gov. of N. H. granted them deeds to their lands lying out a little from Northfield, Mass., which had just been declared in N. H.

In 1779 Lucius was a member of the Committee of Correspondence at N.; was selectman 1766 and 1780. One authority says there were 13 ch.

CHILDREN.

467. i. Oliver b. Dec. 3, 1746.
468. ii. Charles b. Sept. 4, 1748.
469. iii. Benjamin b. Nov. 6, 1751; d. Apr. 16, 1762; buried at N., epitaph is illegible.
470. iv. Lydia b. Dec. 25, 1753; m. Aug. 9, 1770, her cousin Col. Sam'l Ashley (446), of Winchester, N. H.
471. v. Sarah b. Dec. 25, 1756; d. Apr. 20, 1773.
472. vi. Lucius b. Nov. 11, 1761.
473. vii. Benjamin b. Jan. 12, 1764.
474. viii. Jesse b. Feb. 2, 1766; set. in Lydon, Vt.
475. ix. Calvin b. July, 1768.
476. x. Adrastus b. Aug. 10, 1771.
477. xi. Sarah b. July 6, 1773, m. Maj. Elisha Alexander.

135.

Chloe Doolittle (Rev. Benjamin, John, Abraham) dau. of Rev. Benj. and Lydia (Todd) D., was b. May 4, 1730, at Northfield. She m. about 1746 Moses, s. of Peter and Mary (Allen) Evans, of N., and bro. of John Evans, who m. her sis. Lydia (130). Moses was b. Mar. 17, 1721; was a soldier in the French war 1756. They rem. to Warwick, Mass., about 1761, where he d. Feb. 6, 1807.

CHILDREN.

- 478. i. Mary Evans b. Oct. 29, 1746; d. in infancy.
- 479. ii. Moses Evans b. Oct. 15, 1747; set. in Warwick.
- 480. iii. Mercy Evans b. Sept. 29, 1749.
- 481. iv. Lucretia Evans b. Feb. 2, 1752; m. her cousin Urial Evans (438).
- 482. v. Ira Evans b. Feb. 5, 1754.
- 483. vi. Joseph Evans b. Oct. 10, 1756.
- 484. vii. Anna Evans b. Mar. 28, 1759.
- 485. viii. Imri Evans b. Dec. 7, 1761.
- 486. ix. Zerah Evans, of Winsor, Vt., 1786.
- 487. x. Arad Evans b. Aug. 12, 1770.

137.

Thankful Doolittle (Rev. Benjamin, John, Abraham), dau. of Rev. Benj. and Lydia (Todd) D., was b. at N. Jan. 20, 1734. She m. July 10, 1750, Abner, s. of Josiah and Anna (Wilder) Willard, of Lancaster, Mass. He was a soldier at Fort Dummer and sometimes called Oliver.

138.

Amzi Doolittle (Rev. Benjamin, John, Abraham), s. of Rev. Benj. and Lydia (Todd) D., of Northfield, was b. Nov. 15, 1737.

In 1756 he belonged to the Northfield foot company. In Oct. of that year, when the news of Montcalm's victories was received, he with 16 others was drafted out of the company to serve under Gen. Winslow; but whether the men went into active service at the time is not recorded. He m. 1] at N. Dec. 6, 1757, Jerusha b. in 1742 dau. of Dea. Samuel and Sarah (Morton) Smith (see 134 for ancestors). She was sis. of Sarah, who m. Amzi's bro. Lucius. There is a tradition that she deserted her family, leaving an infant of 5 months and joined the Dorrellites; that when they were broken up, she came back—Amzi having in the meantime m. again—and lived with one of her children until her death Oct. 19, 1844, at the advanced age of 102.

Amzi m. 2] prob. about 1763, Hannah ———, b. May 28, 1748; she d. Mar. 4, 1826. Soon after his first m. he rem. to Warwick, Mass., as the town records show he was there in 1760 as one of a committee to lay out a tract of land 40 rods square around the meeting house for a burial place and other purposes. At the first town meeting held in Warwick May 9, 1763, he was elected town treasurer. Sept. 5, 1774, a company of 50 minute men was raised by the town, of which Sam. Williams was capt., Jas. Bell, lieut., and Amzi Doolittle, ensign. He served as one of the selectmen in 1767 and 1776.

In the autumn of 1775 all the good mothers, wives and daughters in Mass. were busy making soldier clothes for the army during the coming winter. Rolls of wool were brought out and loving hands carded, spun and wove it into cloth. The Provincial Congress had made a demand for 13,000 coats to be ready Oct. 1st, and the apportionment was made among the towns. The directions stated that they should be of good plain cloth, prefer-

ably of home manufacture and made up in the usual simple way without lapels, short with small folds and faced with the same cloth with which they were made. To give even further uniform appearance pewter buttons stamped with the regiment's number were used. Each soldier volunteering for 8 months received one of these bounty coats which was regarded as a valued possession.

In 1777 Amzi mov. to Townsend, Vt., then a newly settled village, where he bought and cleared a large tract of forest land in the south part of the town. He gave his sons Amzi, Origin and Roswell, a tract of forest in the vicinity of the home farm which they cleared for themselves. In 1824 he rem. with his sons Amzi and Origin to Winchester, N. H., where he d. Apr. 9, 1830, aged 93.

CHILDREN (1 M.) (B. in Warwick).

- 488. i. Electa b. Aug. 12, 1760, m. Rev. Caleb Rich.
- 489. ii. Lavinia b. Dec. 12, 1761, m. — Hicks; rem. to N. Y.
State where she d. leaving a family.

(2 M.)

- 490. iii. Luther b. Jan. 14, 1764.
- 491. iv. Lucy b. Dec. 13, 1765.
- 492. v. Amzi b. Feb. 24, 1768.
- 493. vi. Junia b. May 5, 1770; d. at Jamaica, Vt., June 27, 1791,
unn.
- 494. vii. Origin b. Jan. 20, 1773.
- 495. viii. Roswell b. Feb. 4, 1775.
- 496. ix. Jerusha b. Aug. 21, 1777.

Lucy Doolittle (Rev. Benjamin, John, Abraham) dau. of Rev. Benj. and Lydia (Todd) D., was b. July 15, 1741, at N.

She m. Aug. 20, 1765, Simeon, s. of Japhit and Thankful (Dickenson) Chapin, b. Aug. 20, 1739. He was lieut. in the Revolutionary army. They res. at Chicopee, Mass. He d. May 20, 1799. Lucy d. Sept. 2, 1824, aged 83. "She was a lady of cultivated mind, having good opportunity for improvement both in her parents' and her husband's house. She taught school before marriage, became hopefully pious at 16, and acquired extensive religious knowledge. She was very useful in society, and especially among the sick. At her funeral her pastor said, "A mother in Israel has indeed fallen." Her branch like that of her brothers and sisters has been remarkably prolific. [I have record of nearly 200 of her descendants but a complete list would prob. include several hundred more.]

CHILDREN.

497. i. Roswell Chapin b. Apr. 16, 1767; d. Apr. 5, 1843; m. Asenath dau. of Phineas and Sabrina Chapin b. Jan. 5, 1778; d. Sept. 19, 1830. Ch.: Asaph, Sophonia, Roswell, Asenath, Charles, James O., Sabrina W., Jenette E., Jesse S.
498. ii. Lucy Chapin b. Nov. 1, 1768; m. Nov. 29, 1787, in Chicopee, Joseph Allen, of East Windsor, Ct., and res. in that part of Springfield called Williamansett. He was s. of Joseph and Lois (Burnham) A., was b. at East Windsor Mar. 23, 1762; took part in the Revol. serving nearly 4 yrs., going first at age of 16 as a substitute for his father. Later he was stationed at West Point. Before leaving his good mother sewed 2 guineas in his vest lining as provision against any need which might overtake him. He was a guard on the occasion of Major Andre's execution at Tappan, N. Y., and was in the detachment of troops which escorted the specie borrowed from France and Holland, from Springfield Hill to Philadelphia. There were said to have been 12 tons silver and 2 of gold. He was afterward a pilot on

- the Connecticut river in which he was drowned on Williamanset Falls Nov. 9, 1822. Lucy d. at Chicopee Mar. 31, 1844. They had 7 ch. all b. at Chicopee: Joseph, Juna (son), Horace, Amzi, Otis, Sylvesta, Lucy.
499. iii. Melinda Chapin b. Oct. 2, 1770; m. John Montague, of Granby. Ch.: Mary and others.
500. iv. Simeon Chapin b. Aug. 1772; d. 1776.
501. v. Thankful Chapin b. Oct. 12, 1774; m. (1) 1790 a distant relative Bezaleel s. of Ephraim Chapin. He was b. Mar. 9, 1769; farmer, res. in Chicopee till 1799, then rem. to Ludlow and d. there June 14, 1812. Wid. Thankful m. (2) Dec. 14, 1814, Elijah Torrey, of Wilbraham, Mass., a widower with 4 ch. They res. at Ludlow on the home farm. Ch. of Thankful (1 m.): Orramel, Almesia, Alfred, Theodore, Lydia Todd, Lucy Doolittle.
502. vi. Aseph Chapin b. June 1776; d. 1777.
503. vii. Lydia Chapin b. Mar. 31, 1778; m. Robert Wright. They rem. from Chicopee to Jerico, Vt.; had a family.
504. viii. Sarah Chapin b. June, 1779; d. 1780.
505. ix. Simeon Chapin b. June 22, 1781; Capt., was a farmer and something of a military genius. He m. Apr. 13, 1805, Dorcas b. abt. 1779, dau. of Lt. Noah and Hannah (Searls) Strong, of Westhampton, Mass. He with his family rem. to Phoenix, Oswego Co., N. Y., where he continued farming. He d. Feb. 5, 1844, at Phoenix. His wife d. there also. Ch.: Simeon S., Elvira M., Eliphaz S., Sherman S., Dorcas Doolittle.
506. x. Sarah Chapin b. Dec. 3, 1784; m. (1) Towers Franklin; had 2 sons. He d. Late in life she m. (2) Samuel Pomeroy, of Somers, Ct.

141.

James Doolittle (Thomas, John, Abraham), s. of Thomas and Hannah (Fenn) D., was born at W. Feb. 7, 1734. The family rem. to Watertown, Conn., when he was but a boy. He m. 1] Dec. 28, 1756, Dinah, dau. of Stephen and Deborah Welton, and

set. at Watertown, being among its early settlers. His home was in what was called Westbury. The first movement to form an Episcopal parish at Westbury was in 1764, when James and Thomas Doolittle and others held a meeting and agreed to hold public worship at Westbury, when there was no worship at Waterbury, and also arranged to erect an Episcopal church at Westbury. They met at the home of James Doolittle in winter and at David Scot's in summer.

Thomas (father of James) is buried at Watertown. On his gravestone is, "To the memory of Thomas Doolittle, who exchanged this life for immortality Jan. 23, 1782, in the 82 year of his age. He lived and died with the integrity, probity and piety of a Christian. Mark the perfect man and behold the upright, for the end of that man is peace." Hannah, wf. of Thomas, d. 1760 in 56th yr. and also lies buried in the solitude and silence of the cemetery at Watertown. Her husband Thomas m. 2] at Watertown Apr. 31, 1761, Sarah, wid. of David Hungerford. James m. 2] June 19, 1758, Sarah, dau. of Wm. Andrus.

A child of theirs d. Jan. 27, 1767, another d. Feb. 18, 1771, and a 3d one d. Nov. 5, 1774, all at Watertown. A colored boy owned by James Doolittle d. at Watertown Mar. 4, 1760.

CHILDREN. (1 M.)

507. i. Child d. at Watertown Sept. 3, 1757.

(2 M.)

508. ii. Dinah b. Apr. 2, 1759, m. Josiah Seymour.
 509. iii. Thomas b. May 12, 1761.
 510. iv. Sarah b. July 12, 1763.
 511. v. child d. y.

147.

Samuel Doolittle (Thomas, John, Abraham), s. of Thomas and Hannah (Fenn) D., was b. at Watertown, Conn. He m. Apr. 4, 1765, Eunice, dau. of Thomas Cole, of Watertown, and settled there.

CHILDREN.

- 512. i. David b. Jan. 20, 1766.
- 513. ii. Benjamin b. Oct. 31, 1767; d. at Watertown Dec. 8 sm.
yr.
- 514. iii. child (twin) d. at Watertown Aug. 1768.
- 515. iv. child (twin) d. at Watertown Aug. 1768.
- 516. v. Benjamin b. Oct. 25, 1769.
- 517. vi. Mary b. Apr. 26, 1772; d. at Watertown June 16, 1774.
- 518. vii. Joseph b. Sept. 27, 1774.

152.

Jonathan Doolittle (Jonathan, Samuel, Abraham), s. of Jonathan and Rebecca (Ranny) D., of Middletown, Conn., was b. Dec. 28, 1727. He m. Lydia Williams Sept. 27, 1750. They set. at M.

CHILDREN.

- 519. i. Lydia b. Aug. 2, 1751.
- 520. ii. Hannah b. Oct. 26, 1752.
- 521. iii. Rebecca b. Jan. 14, 1754.
- 522. iv. Lucy b. Apr. 2, 1755.
- 523. v. Sarah b. July 30, 1756.
- 524. vi. Jonathan b. Aug. 5, 1758.

153.

Samuel Doolittle (Jonathan, Samuel, Abraham), s. of Jonathan and Rebecca (Ranny) D., was b. at M. Feb. 24, 1729. He

m. July 4, 1751, Elizabeth, eldest ch. of Joseph and Elizabeth (Hollister) Hubbard, of Glastonbury, Ct., b. Jan. 12, 1729-30. They rem. to W. about the close of the old French war, but returned to M. after a few years and d. there Apr. 12, 1778, of smallpox. Daus. of Am. Revol., vol. v., pg. 157, says that 7 of Samuel's sons were active patriots during the struggle for independence. This must include 3 sons-in-law.

CHILDREN.

- 525. i. Samuel b. Aug. 21, 1752.
- 526. ii. Elizabeth b. Jan. 2, 1755.
- 527. iii. Ephraim b. Sept. 30, 1756.
- 528. iv. George b. June 14, 1759.
- 529. v. Susanna b. Feb. 28, 1761.
- 530. vi. Eunice b. Jan. 26, 1763; prob. m. Solomon Windsor at Berlin, Ct., 1786.
- 531. vii. Joel b. Mar. 2, 1765.
- 532. viii. Hannah b. Feb. 26, 1767.
- 533. ix. Rebecca b. May 1, 1769, at M., m. Serg't Josiah Mosher, and had a dau. Cornelia who m. Sterling Armstrong Millard. Their dau. Julia Elizabeth m. Norman A. Williams and has a dau. Cornelia E. b. in N. Y. and is a D. A. R.
- 534. x. Stephen b. Apr. 22, 1771; d. Jan. 2, 1776.
- 535. xi. Anne b. Apr. 9, 1773.

Note.—The first three and last three ch. (above) were b. at M., the others at W.

155.

Joel Doolittle (Jonathan, Samuel, Abraham), s. of Jonathan and Rebecca (Ranny) D., was b. at M. Nov. 28, 1732. He m. and set. in Haddam, Conn. He deeded a tract of land in 1796. Dressing was simple—the clothes mainly homespun. But leading citizens appeared in small clothes, silk stockings, low shoes with

silver buckles, ruffled shirt and ruffled sleeve bands, a stock about the neck, a powdered wig, cocked hat, and carried a silver headed cane.

CHILDREN.

- 536. i. Ira.
- 537. ii. Joel.
- 538. iii. Edward d. at Dover, Mich., about 50 years ago.

156.

Rebecca Doolittle (Jonathan, Samuel, Abraham), dau. of Jonathan and Rebecca (Ranny) D., was b. at M. Nov. 14, 1734. She m. Samuel Higbee Nov. 24, 1757, at M.

CHILDREN.

- 539. i. Samuel Higbee b. Aug. 14, 1758.
- 540. ii. Ruth Higbee b. July 13, 1760.
- 541. iii. Lemuel Higbee b. Dec. 26, 1762.
- 542. iv. Timothy Higbee b. July 18, 1766.
- 543. v. Isaac Higbee b. Mar. 8, 1767.
- 544. vi. Sylvester Higbee b. Jan. 1, 1773.

162.

Col. Ephraim Doolittle (Lieut. Samuel, Samuel, Abraham), s. of Lieut. Samuel and Jane (Wheeler) D., was b. at Stafford, Conn., Oct. 29, 1725.

Eph^m Doolittle Col. The family rem. to Palmer, Mass., about 1730, where his father d. six yrs. later. As a young man he set. in Worcester where he resided at least 15 yrs. (perhaps much longer), a successful merchant and prominent and highly regarded public citizen.

He m. Sarah Morton, of Hatfield. Their intention of mar-

riage is recorded under date of May 26, 1750. In 1757 her name with his appears on the deed transferring for £300 his father's farm in Palmer—the rights of the remaining heirs in which Ephraim had bought out in 1750.

Ephraim took a lively interest in political and military affairs. At the breaking out of the French war he received a captain's commission and entered the service of the colonies. He was with Gen. Amherst at the taking of Ticonderoga and Crown Point in 1759, and assisted Gen. Stark in opening and completing the military road from Crown Point to Charleston, N. H., which passed through Chimney Point in Addison, through Bridport and Shoreham, in each of which Ephraim became proprietor of 6 rights in Oct., 1761. Bridport was grateful for his early aid, and Pittsford, Vt., received its charter in 1761 from New Hampshire through his efforts. Nearly one-third of this town was at one period owned by him. In the fall of 1761 he with 63 associates received 23,040 acres at Pittsford. He was moderator at its first town meeting in Dec., 1761, and did more than any other person toward settling the place. In Oct., 1761, he was also among the grantees at Flamstead, N. H. Later in 1768 Ephraim received several hundred acres in Relham, N. H.

With the war over he returned to Worcester and was chosen selectman in 1763. In 1766 he became their representative at the General Court. Taking a prominent and active part in the political transactions of the times, he was placed on important municipal committees. He held various offices of trust in the town, and was a decided and ardent Whig from the beginning of the troubles preceding the Revolution.

He rem. to Petersham near Worcester in 1772, where he carried on his business as a hatter and where incidentally he became an important addition to the Whig party. His dwelling was a "hip roofed" house situated a little north of where in more recent times Wm. Clark resided. For many years Ephraim was chairman of the Committee of Correspondence at this place.

Like the obscure but all important foundation of some imposing structure is the historical import of the life and social condition of people in their homes and hamlets—material too often passed over by the historian for the more spectacular events of the battlefield or the rise and fall of kings. The colonists of New England in those days appeared to the outward eye to be simply concerned with the annual election, collection of taxes and repair of their highways. As with a calm a great storm often gathers, so men usually think most when acting least. The popular mind was undergoing a preparation without which the struggle of revolution and its results would have been impossible. While apparently doing little beyond increasing in wealth and numbers, the colonists were reading their newspapers carefully, and discussing and settling in their own minds certain fundamental principles of constitutional government and popular rights, which lead up to their opposing the home government and later to constructing a new one for themselves.

Ephraim was one of the "men of strong sense and excellent understanding" appointed on the committee at Petersham in Dec. 1772, which reported the famous spirited reply to the circular letter distributed through the country by the Boston Committee of Correspondence. The letter in this reply was written by Mr. Doolittle and the resolutions themselves are also credited to his

pen in Lincoln's Hist. of Worcester, though doubted in part in Willson's Petersham Memorial. The Petersham Letter and Resolutions attracted wide attention on their publication, and in influential circles the question was often asked, what eminent man the town of Petersham possessed who had attached himself to the Whig cause. These firm and patriotic resolutions and letter, which form an interesting part of the history of that period, are inserted below, also the instructions given at the same time to Capt. Ephraim Doolittle, then the town's representative at the General Court, and who also served as moderator at this town meeting which, without a dissenting voice, approved these acts. They show his sentiments and indicate the temper of the times and spirit of the people among whom Ephraim was an influential factor.

"To the Committee of Correspondence for the Town of Boston.

"Gentlemen,—The town of Petersham, having received the circular letter from the town of Boston, with the statement of rights and grievances as published by them, most sensibly congratulate you on reflecting on that principle of virtue which must have induced your town, at so critical a day, to take the lead in so good a cause; and our admiration is heightened, when we consider your being exposed to the first efforts of the iron jaws of power. The time may come when, if you continue your integrity, that you may be driven from your goodly heritages; and if that should be the case (which God of his infinite mercy prevent), we invite you to share with us in our small supplies of the necessities of life. And should the voracious jaws of tyranny still haunt us, and we should not be able to withstand them, we are determined to retire and seek refuge among the inland aboriginal natives of this country, with whom we doubt not but to find more humanity and brotherly love than we have lately received from our mother country.

"We are sensible that there is a number amongst us, who are wicked enough to make use of their whole influence to divide, and render the efforts making for a union abortive; and that they are induced to conduct in this manner from the low motives of

expecting to be sharers in the arbitrary power which they are so active in endeavoring should take place, and of sharing in the unrighteous plunder of their fellowmen. But may God graciously disappoint their measures, and turn their hearts!

"We send herewith an attested copy of the doings of our town. If the nature of causes ever again bespeaks any more from us, we then again shall offer what then may appear right; for we read, that those that were faithful spake often one to the other; and may God of his infinite mercy, in his own time, deliver us!

"(Signed) Silvanus How, per order,
"David Sanderson, Town Clerk."

"At a meeting of the freeholders and other inhabitants of the town of Petersham, in the county of Worcester, duly assembled according to law, held by adjournment on the fourth of January, 1773, the Committee, on the 30th ult., made the following report, viz:—

"The town, having received a circular letter from the town of Boston, respecting the present grievances and the abominable oppression under which this country groans, have thereupon taken into their most serious consideration the present policy of the British Government and administration with regard to Great Britain and their Colonies; have carefully reviewed the mode of election, and the quality of the electors of the Commons of that island; and have also attentively reflected upon the enormous and growing influence of the crown, and that bane of all free states, a standing army in the time of peace; and, in consequence thereof, are fully confirmed in the opinion that the ancient rights of the nation are capitally invaded, and that the greatest part of the most precious and established liberties of Englishmen utterly destroyed.

"And whereas the Parliament of Great Britain, by various statutes and acts, have unrighteously distressed our trade, denied and precluded us from the setting up and carrying on manufactures highly beneficial to the inhabitants of these territories, restricted and prevented our lawful intercourse and commerce with other states and kingdoms; and have also made laws and institutions touching life and limb, in dishersion of the ancient common law of the land; and moreover have, in these latter times, robbed and plundered the laborious inhabitants of this extensive continent of their property by *mere force and power*; and are now draining this people of the fruits of their toil, by thus raising a revenue from them against the natural rights of man, and in open violation of the laws of God,—

"This town in union with the worthy inhabitants of Boston,

now think it their indispensable duty to consider of the premises and the present aspect of the times, and to take such steps as, upon mature deliberation, are judged right and expedient, and hereupon this town—

“Resolved, That, with a Governor appointed from Great Britain (especially at this day) during pleasure, with a large stipend dependent upon the will of the crown, and controlled by instruction from a British minister of state, with a council subject to the negative of such a Governor, and with all officers, civil and military, subject to his appointment or consent, with a castle in the hand of a standing army, stationed in the very bowels of the land, and with that amazing number of placemen and dependents with which every maritime town already swarms, no people can ever be truly virtuous, free or brave.

“Resolved, That the Parliament of Great Britain, usurping and exercising a legislative authority over, and extorting an unrighteous revenue from, those colonies, against all Divine and human laws, and the late appointment of salaries to be paid to our Superior Court Judges, whose creation, pay and commission depend on mere will and pleasure, completes a system of bondage equal to any ever before fabricated by the combined efforts of the ingenuity, malice, fraud, and wickedness of man.

“Resolved, That it is the opinion of this town, that a despotic arbitrary government is the kingdom of this world, as set forth in the New Testament, and is diametrically opposite to the establishment of Christianity in a society, and has a direct tendency to sink a people into a profound state of ignorance and irreligion; and that, if we have an eye to our own and posterity's happiness (not only in this world, but in the world to come), it is our duty to oppose such a government. And further,—

“Resolved, That the depriving the colonies of their constitutional rights may be fitly compared to the dismembering the natural body, which will soon affect the heart; and it would be nothing unexpected for us to hear that those very persons who have been so active in robbing the colonies of their constitutional rights,—that *they* have delivered up the constitution of our mother country into the hands of our king. Therefore,—

“Resolved, That it is the first and highest social duty of this people to consider of, and seek ways and means for, a speedy redress of these mighty grievances and intolerable wrongs; and that for the obtainment of this end, this people are warranted by the laws of God and nature in the use of every rightful art, and energy of policy, stratagem and force. And while we are under these awful frowns of Divine Providence, and involved as this

pepole are, in heavy calamities, which daily increase in number and severity, it is highly becoming, towns and individuals, to humble themselves before Almighty God, seriously to commune with their own hearts, and seek carefully with tears for the causes of the prevailing distresses of the land; and while it is apparent that pristine piety and purity of morals have given place to infidelity, dissipation, luxury, and gross corruption of mind and morals, there is a loud call for public humility, lamentings, and reformation; and it is at this time eminently incumbent upon one and all to seek at the throne of the great God for those special and remarkable interpositions of Divine Providence, grace, and mercy, which have so often saved New England from both public and private distress and misery. And as there is great reason to believe, that in past times we have too much depended upon the exertions of worldly wisdom and political devices, it becomes us in our present melancholy situation, to rely no longer on an arm of flesh, but on the arms of that all-powerful God who is able to unite the numerous inhabitants of this extensive territory as a band of brothers in one common cause, who can easily give that true religion which shall make us his people indeed, that spirit which shall fit us to endure temporary hardships for the procurement of future happiness, that spirit of valor and irresistible courage which shall occasion our aged and our youth to jeopard their lives with joy in the high places of the field for his name and service' sake, for the preservation also of this goodly heritage of our fathers, for the sake of the living children of our loins, and the unborn millions of posterity.

"We believe that there are very many who, in these days, have kept their integrity and garments unspotted, and hope that God will deliver them and our nation for their sake; that God will not suffer this land, where the gospel hath flourished, to become a slave of the world; that he will stir up witnesses of the truth, and in his own time spirit his people to stand up for his cause and deliver them. In a similar belief, that patriot of patriots, Algernon Sidney, lived and died, and dying breathed a like sentiment and prophecy, touching his own and the then approaching times; a prophecy, however, not accomplished until a glorious revolution.

"Silvanus How, per order.

"Approved of by vote of the town *without contradiction*.

"Attest: Ephraim Doolittle, Moderator.

"David Sanderson, Town Clerk."

The town then adopted the following vote of instructions to their Representative:

"To Capt. Ephraim Doolittle.

"As you represent us at the Great and General Court, in this dark, gloomy, and distressing day of the manifestation of God's judgments against us, we think it our duty and interest to communicate some of our sentiments to you, and to instruct you in some of the most important concerns of the public. It is needless for us to recapitulate to you the many enormous encroachments on our constitution. But when we consider the circumstances of our forefathers leaving their native country, the hardships they underwent in settling this then howling wilderness, without any cost to Great Britain, the profits they receive by our trade, the circumstance of the first charter or compact between our forefathers and Great Britain being wrested from them (and consequently from us), the humble submissive temper our forefathers showed in receiving another, which abridged them of many valuable and reasonable rights, which were contained in the former, without any color of right; and, notwithstanding all the foregoing circumstances, to have the remaining privileges of our present charter wrested from us by mere power, notwithstanding they were granted by special grace, certain knowledge, and mere motion; to have our honest earnings wrested from us without our consent; to have the public fountains of justice corrupted by private interest, in order to pave the way and inforce acts of injustice and tyranny,—we say that these capital instances of injustice indicate to us that the glory is departed from the English nation, and that it is our opinion that our mother country has lost that Divine spirit of truth and righteousness which, in former times, have saved them and this country from ruin.

"Therefore, it is our earnest desire, and we here direct you to use your utmost influence (as one of the legislative body), to convince the nation of Great Britain, that the measures that they have meted out to us will have a direct tendency to destroy both them and us; and petition the King and Parliament of Great Britain, in the most pathetic and striking manner, to relieve us from our aggravated grievances. But if all this should fail, we recommend it to your consideration, and direct you to move it to the consideration of the honorable court, whether it would not be best to call in the aid of some Protestant power or powers, requesting that they would use their kind and Christian influence with our mother country, that so we may be relieved, and that brotherly love and harmony may again take place, and that natural alliance again be restored between us and Great Britain which may continue until time shall be no more. Which God of his infinite mercy grant for Christ sake.

"Attest:

Silvanus How, per order.

"David Sanderson, Town Clerk."

In 1773 Capt. Doolittle represented Petersham at the General Court; the following year he was a delegate to the Provincial Congress which met at Concord, and that autumn was chosen captain of the West-side military company; and soon after, colonel of the regiment of minute-men in the county. The military companies were well organized and officered and liberal appropriations for ammunition were made. In 1774 all males over 21 yrs. were urged to sign the non-consumptive covenant agreeing not to use the articles on which Parliament was taxing the colonies. Thus events were fast shaping themselves for the great drama of war soon to open. One week before the battle of Lexington the town being met voted, "that the present assembly be directed to warn every male inhabitant from 16 yrs. old and upwards, to meet at the meeting house in Petersham with arms and ammunition, on Monday next (Apr. 17th) at nine o'clock in the morning." Thus there was a general muster of all the able-bodied men and youth in the town on the day but one before the memorable 19th.

As the Lexington alarm reached Petersham on the eventful morning, Col. Doolittle summoned his troops at once and marched that very day for Boston. His command was mustered into service probably Apr. 23d and stationed at Cambridge. On the organization of the army he retained his rank in the Massachusetts line. Winsor's Hist. of Boston says: "It is probable that the earliest works raised after Lexington day were some breast-works thrown up across what is now the college yard (Harvard), and it is probable also that they were raised early in May by Colonel Ephraim Doolittle and his men." They extended to the right as far as Holyoke place.

Staff-officers of Col. Ephraim Doolittle's regiment :

Colonel Ephraim Doolittle, of Petersham.

Lieut. Col. Benjamin Holden, of Princetön.

Major Willard Moore, of Paxton.

Chaplain Rev. Benj. Balob, of Danvers.

Adjutant John Woodward, of Westmouth.

Quartermaster Benj. Howard, of Shrewsbury.

Surgeon Enoch Dole, of Lancaster.

Surgeon's Mate Nathan Burnap, of Hopkinton.

Ephraim's son Joel was a sergeant in this command. Several of this staff served through or nearly through the war. Col. Ephraim served till Oct., 1775. His men received 1 penny a mile for travel and were paid for 140 miles (to Cambridge and return).

He was colonel 24th regiment Mass. line engaged Apr. 24, 1775; service 3 mo. 15 da.; reported commissioned May 19, 1775.

Order of the day, dated Cambridge, May 9, 1775, Col. Ephraim Doolittle appt. field officer of fatigue "for tomorrow."

Order of the day, dated Cambridge, May 12, 1775, Col. Doolittle appt. field officer of the picket "for tonight."

Order of the day, dated Cambridge, May 16, 1775, Col. Doolittle appt. field officer of the main guard "for tomorrow."

Order of the day, dated Cambridge, May 20, 1775, Col. Doolittle appt. officer of the day.

Order of the day, dated Prospect Hill, July 13, 1775, Col. Doolittle appt. officer of the day "for tomorrow."

Order of the day, dated Prospect Hill, July 17, 1775, Col. Doolittle appt. officer of the day "for tomorrow."

General order dated Headquarters, Cambridge, July 22, 1775, Col. Doolittle's regiment assigned to a brigade to be commanded by Brig. Gen. Sullivan and form part of the left wing of the army under Maj. Gen. Lee and to be stationed at Winter Hill.

Col. Doolittle's reg't made a very fine appearance, and at one time when certain military transactions between the Colonists and British required a military escort into Boston a detachment was made from his reg't to do the honors of the occasion.

Col. D.'s regiment was in the battle of Bunker Hill on June

17th and "bore themselves gallantly." He being confined to his bed by an accidental injury, the regiment was led by Maj. Moore, who found there a soldier's honorable grave.

In May, 1776, Col. D., as one of the leading spirits of the town at Petersham, was chairman of the committee appt. at the town meeting called "to see if the inhabitants will instruct their Representative to inform the Great and General Court of this Province, that they stand ready and are fully determined to support the Continental Congress with their lives and fortunes, on condition they should declare the American Colonies independent of corrupt and arbitrary Great Britain." When the vote was taken as to whether the people would issue these instructions it passed with but one dissident.

"On that July 4, 1776, [when] Hancock, Adams, Jefferson and the immortal train of patriots with whom they sat in council at Philadelphia * * * gave heart and hand to that vote which severed the American Colonies from the English crown and created a new empire, * * * the staunch patriots of this town [Petersham] sitting in council [in their humble weather-stained meeting house that stood by the gate of the burial-field] with Col. Doolittle for their moderator, were helping to provide the men and the means without which that declaration would have been but waste paper. And it neither belittles the moral grandeur of that scene at Philadelphia, nor foists of an unbecoming conspicuity that which transpired here eight and seventy years ago, to associate them together.

"Honored be the men that dared *declare* independence! Honored *equally* with them the men who, saving that declaration

* * * made it the rock of foundation on which to build the foremost nation of this century!"—E. B. Willson's Centennial Address at Petersham, July 4, 1854.

In 1778 Col. Ephraim and his fellow citizens considered carefully the Articles of Confederation, but disagreed on them. Later he, as chairman of a large committee, submitted an elaborate report against the state constitution proposed by the General Court and the constitution was unanimously rejected. In 1779 he was a delegate to the convention at Cambridge to form a new constitution.

He urged his fellow citizens to follow up their promises with deeds, and throughout the dark days of that trying period they were amongst the foremost in support of freedom's cause. Every encouragement was given to the volunteers, liberal bounties, clothing, provision for families, and exemption from taxation. Eventually the recompense for sacrifices and privations appeared with the end of the war and liberty secured.

At the close of the contest with England fresh troubles appeared through false expectations built on exaggerated ideas of independence. The veterans were unfitted for steady industry. There was no currency. Individuals and government were in debt. Disappointments followed. Disorder arose. Jealousies toward those in power appeared, and the distresses were attributed to bad management.

In the midst of this Col. Doolittle rem. with his family in 1783 to his estate in Shoreham, Vt. He had "participated in almost every act of public character in Worcester and Petersham during his residence in either town."

Shoreham, a handsome township with Lake Champlain for its western border, lies 40 miles south of Burlington, was chartered in 1761,—earlier than any other town west of the Green mts. north of Castleton,—through the agency of Capt. Ephraim Doolittle, who was one of the 64 grantees of the 26,319 acres. Palmer's Hist. of Lake Champlain says, that in the spring of 1766 Col. Doolittle came with a number of other families from Worcester, built a log house (whose site is still pointed out) and lived as one family the first year, the men taking turns in cooking. Fever and ague prevailing, some of the party left, but the colonel spent much time here though he did not rem. his family till 1783. He built the first saw mill in the town. He d. here in 1807. His s. Col. Joel also d. at this place.

Ephraim was a deist, and distinguished for accuracy, sound judgment and scrupulous practice of the common virtues.

A curious implement was invented by him to supply deficiency in muskets in the armament of his regiment. When the long shaft of heavy material was held leveled toward an advancing enemy, two stout blades 8 inches long united to a strong head, projected forward like the prongs of a hay fork. Two other blades of equal length extended latterly and another was turned downward to give a descending blow. Five little swords whetted on both edges were thus provided to attack an assailant on any exposed point. The handle was lined for two or three feet from the end with sharp steel plates set in the wood to defend it from sabre cuts and to lacerate the hand which should grasp the weapon to wrest it from its owner. The lower extremity terminated in a round iron point to be fixed in or against rampart or

masonry. This formidable instrument of warfare after a short trial was laid aside. It was called a "Tory hook." It seems like a relic of very remote antiquity. One of them is in the possession of the American Antiquarian Soc'y of Worcester.

CHILDREN.

- 545. i. Sarah, m., Lieut. John Smith.
- 546. ii. Joel.
- 547. iii Ephraim.
- 548. iv. John was serg't in Capt. Wing Spooner's Comp. of Col. Sparkaw's reg't and marched from Petersham to reinforce Gen. Stark on receipt of news of his famous battle at Bennington. The co. was engaged Aug. 21, 1777, and served 9 da. He settled in Westmoreland, Cheshire Co., N. H., and was chosen one of the four selectmen May 27, 1782, and again 1784. He was town clerk in 1783 and again elected 1786. In 1785 he was a notary and was justice of the peace for the county 1784, 1788 and 1789-90.
- 549. v. Moses b. 1758.

163.

Mary Doolittle (Lieut. Samuel, Samuel, Abraham), dau. of Lieut. Samuel and Jane (Wheeler) D., was b. about 1730, prob. at Stafford, Ct. About this time the family rem. to Palmer, Mass. She married Roger Stevens, one of the first settlers in Pittsford, Vt., the town her bro. Ephraim was interested in founding.

Roger was b. 1730 (s. of Roger, whose father came from Wales abt. 1700 to Quaker Hills, N. Y.) He was apprenticed to a hatter and followed this business successfully. About 1745 he and Mary Doolittle were m. and continued to res. at Quaker Hill, where their ch. were b. In 1770, through Col. Eph. Doolittle, they rem. to Pittsford, purchased a tract of land, built a house,

and with the help of his stalwart sons soon made quite a hole in the primitive forest. This house stood on the high ground about 30 rods west of the present Gorham bridge and on the south side of the old military road to Crown Point. The cellar is still to be seen, from the bottom of which two butternut trees are now growing.

CHILDREN.

550. i. Roger Stevens. In 1774-5 he built a grist mill in Pittsford at mouth of Stevens brook near the old ford on the 15 a. lot given by the proprietors in 1772 for a mill-privilege. At the outbreak of the Revol. he sided with the English and, building a raft, floated his millstones, iron, etc., down the creek to Middlebury; then joined the British, becoming a capt., at Montreal. During the war his fam. abode in P. and he occasionally visited them secretly, as he was an outlaw, liable to arrest and punishment. Later a conscription act was passed in Vt. against Roger and other tories, ordering 20 to 40 stripes to be given across their naked backs, if they came within the State, together with immediate expulsion, and if again returning, to be put to death. Further, any one concealing them would be fined £500. After this act Roger's house was carefully watched by the townsfolk, who were anxious to secure him, for it was believed he aided the enemy in plunder and devastation by valued information. One dark night in July a citizen, spying a bright light in Roger's house at an unusual hour, was convinced that he was making a flying visit to his family. He told his suspicions to the men in the fort, who immediately turned out and surrounded the house. Three of their number were chosen to enter, but found only Mrs. Stevens with her 2 ch. It was afterwards learned that Roger was forewarned of their approach and hid among the weeds close to the logs of his house. It was also found that he had come as leader of a party of some 30 Indians to attack the

fort, but finding it strongly garrisoned the savages withdrew, while Roger improved the opportunity to see his wf. and ch. These alarms of approaching enemy were frequent and the women and ch. would then go to the fort until the scare subsided. Roger's farm, recently owned by Edwin Wheaton, was confiscated. The house was abt. 70 rods east of the present house. He had m. in 1773 Martha ———. They rem. to Bestard, Canada, about 1796, and he was drowned there in 1808. His wid. then went to western N. Y. and d. Ch.: Martha m. ——— Beverett; Guy; Christopher.

551. ii. Abel Stevens was one of those early inhabitants of P. who found agreeable pastime and considerable income in hunting and trapping, dealing quite largely in furs. In the fall of 1782 he made a hunting trip to northern Vt. in territory claimed by Caughnawaga Indians. In his rambles he met a hunter of that tribe, who treated him cordially, professing great friendship, and invited him to go farther, where game was more plentiful. They agreed to spend a week together and divide the furs. It was a successful expedition, and at the end they divided as agreed and started home. As they were traveling along a narrow footpath, Abel in the lead, he heard a gun snap and, turning quickly, saw the Indian had treacherously attempted to shoot him, but the gun had missed fire. Without a moment's delay Abel lodged the contents of his gun in the Indian's heart, and, taking the furs of both, proceeded home.

In about a year Abel decided to revisit the same locality and took an experienced hunting friend with him. They were quite successful in collecting furs, but on their return were followed by a party of Indians, angry at their trespass and prob. over the loss of their comrade the year before. At Addison, Stevens stopped at a house to warm himself, and as he sat by the fire a tall, furious Indian entered and came at him, saying, "Me come to kill thee." Stevens, who was a very large, athletic man, rose quickly and struck the savage a powerful blow, felling him to the floor insensible. Our hero and his comrade hastened on their return, but, being pursued by the enemy, turned westward to Ticonderoga for several days.

The Indians then lost track of them and all turned back except one, supposed to be he whom Stevens floored. This savage went on to Pittsford and for several days lurked in the woods near Stevens' house.

Our hero returned home in about a week and was told of the Indian who he knew was seeking personal vengeance and that his life was in danger. Stevens' comrade understood Indian tactics and determined to protect his friend. Being well armed, he went to the woods and lay in ambush several days. One evening just at twilight he discovered the tall form of the Indian creeping stealthily along by the creek toward Stevens' house. He shot the savage through the heart, then took his gun, powder horn and bullet pouch with the rings from his ears. After rolling the body into the creek he returned with his trophies and the grateful news to the home of his friend Stevens.

Abel res. in P. about 10 yrs. longer, then (1796) rem. to Canada. He had m. in 1778 Eunice (dau. of Isaac) Buck. He was of earnest piety and preached as a Methodist. One acct. says he d. 1816, another 1828. Ch.: Abel, d. in Canada 1860; Elizabeth, Eunice, Uriah went to Ky., Alfred, Isaac, David B., Horace.

552. iii. Ephraim Stevens was in the campaign against Canada in 1775. In May, 1779 Ephraim Stevens, at the head of a party of four from Pittsford, in the service of Vt., made a reconnoitering expedition in a skiff down the western shore of Lake Champlain. They saw no enemy the first day, but on returning the day following a body of Indians, Tories and British arose from ambush on the bank near them and demanded a surrender. Though within gun shot Ephraim ordered his men to turn the boat and row for their lives. The hostile party immediately jumped into a crazy boat and began the chase with running fire of musketry. It proved harmless for a while and our party hoped to escape. At length an Indian was seen to take deliberate aim, the rifle flash followed and one of the pursued dropped his oar, shot through the head, while the skiff, now propelled by but one oar quickly whirled round and the little party lay at the mercy of the enemy. The

dead man was scalped and thrown into the lake and the other three taken as prisoners to Montreal. Ephraim was young, of extraordinary strength and activity, and was claimed by the Indians in the division of captives. On reaching the St. Lawrence they continued the trip by boat, and as they approached the shore near Montreal Ephraim saw a number of savages arranged in two lines facing each other with a narrow passage between them leading to a log house about 50 rods away. As he stepped ashore he was attacked by them with clubs and soon knocked down. He protected his head with his arms and by his great strength soon arose, when a young squaw pointing to the house cried, "Run! Run!" He rushed forward and reached it with little further injury. Thereupon the Indians threw away their clubs and greeted him with applause and kindness. The whole Indian village now gathered for the carousal of such occasions. The squaws, having hid the warriors' weapons, passed around the rum in abundance. All drank freely and urged Ephraim to partake with them. He, however, drank as little as possible, using much art to deceive them as to the quantity, being determined to remain sober and ready for any possible chance to escape. The carousal ended, most of the party retired while some from the effects of the liquor had fallen fast asleep. As morning came an Indian entered, who had not been there the night before and fixed his eyes long and keenly on Ephraim, who recognized the stranger as one of a company who visited Pittsford before the war and with whom Ephraim had quarreled. The Indian soon left and two stout Indians came and stood guard at the door; and shortly after the young squaw who had befriended Ephraim the day before came in with looks of sorrow and even weeping. Ephraim said, "By this time I made up my mind that my old acquaintance on Otter Creek was determined to wreak his vengeance on me by a cruel sacrifice of my life in the barbarous manner the Indians are sometimes wont to do. I determined to place myself in the hands of a less dangerous enemy or lose my life in the attempt. I looked round for some weapon but saw none sufficient to use. I then

thought I would try and pass the two Indians in a quiet and peaceable manner as if I wished carelessly to view the premises. Slowly and awkwardly I approached the door, but one of the Indians sprang forward, placed his hand on my breast and shoved me back into the room. I quietly yielded to his push and made as though I was about to resume my seat; but as he was returning to the door I sprang with all my might and threw both prostrate on the ground. I flew like lightning through the door and the young squaw again cried, "Run! Run!" but I needed no urging this time. In the midst of my speed I met a small British guard who had in custody my two companions, B. Stevens and E. Hopkins. I passed them swiftly, their officer hailed me, told me to stop and I should not be hurt. I first intended to leave them all, but taking into view all the circumstances of my situation, I concluded it would be impossible to escape, and being promised that I should receive no harm, I returned and surrendered to them." He and his companions were soon taken to the British garrison. Here he was visited by his bro., Roger Stevens, who had turned Tory and was then a captain in the British army. Roger reproved Ephraim for joining the rebels, and disloyalty to the king. Ephraim retorted, accusing Roger of deserting his country, and cursing the king. Roger promised Ephraim the liberty of the city if he would give his word not to leave it. Ephraim spurned the offer with indignation and the three captives were sent to prison. Here Ephraim for his praise of the Americans and contemptuous speaking of the king was handcuffed and fettered. His great strength enabled him to break the ordinary iron fetters, and he was soon loaded down with heavy irons and with his companions put on board a vessel, sent to Quebec and there thrown into a dungeon.

Remaining there until fall, they were taken out under guard to labor in harvesting corn and grain. They eluded the guard, escaped in a boat across the river and, pushing through the wilderness, with little to eat but roots and bark of trees, in 14 days they came in sight of the Green Mts. But as they were fishing in the headwaters of the Conn.

river they were recaptured by Indians and taken back to prison at Quebec. They were now ironed under guard commanded to strictest vigilance. But in a few months our heroes succeeded in replacing the iron keys in their bolts with pliable pewter ones. Recovering thus the use of their limbs, they improved the nights in digging a hole under the prison wall, which was also the main wall of the city, 12 feet thick. Under the stone mantel of the prison chimney was an iron bar, which they used in their work and replaced in the morning, before the keeper came, who always found them in irons and apparently secure. The dirt and rubbish taken from the walls was concealed in their bunks and beds made over it. The prisoners dug to the last stone in the wall and were waiting a dark night to escape, when one of the other prisoners, becoming intoxicated, dug in the daytime and was discovered, so all their labor was lost. It created much excitement in Q. and crowds of folks came to see what the Yankees—covered with chains—had done. Their iron tool was not discovered.

Ephraim tried to harass the enemy by everything his active mind and powerful body could do. At one time the press-gang called at the prison for volunteers for the British navy. Ephraim declared he was ready to go, but told his anxious comrades he would be back within a week. He was taken on a river vessel whose capt. after showing him over the ship, asked how he would like to be a sailor. "First rate," he said, "but the first chance I have I will put a brand of fire into the magazine and we will all go up together," and he cursed the king and all on board. An attempt was made to hang him to the yard-arm. The rope was put around his neck and while it was being adjusted our hero shouted, "Draw away! I will find neck as long as you will halter! Draw away! You are a set of infernal cowards! I dare you to hang me,—thousands of Yankees would be upon the war path! I curse you and your king!" In about a week the capt. ordered this Yankee tartar taken back to the prison, declaring "he would have no such fellow on board his ship."

They dug their way out of the dungeon and eluding the vigilance of the sentinels in the depth of winter they proceeded up the St. Lawrence on the ice, traveling in the night and secreting themselves by day—suffering keenly with cold and hunger. One bitter cold night Ephraim being a little in advance of his comrades fell through the ice. He immediately reinstated himself on the firm ice before his companions came up, but completely drenched with water which almost instantly froze, he knew he must find a fire before morning or perish. This was extremely difficult. The British government had threatened severe punishment to any who should aid any escaping prisoners—but there was no other alternative but death. A farmhouse not far distant was seen, Ephraim approached it alone, knocked for admission, the inmates were asleep, he called, told his story, and after much importunity and pleading of the man's wife he was admitted at the muzzle of a gun, a fire soon made and our hero relieved of his sufferings. His companions now joined him and the next night they proceeded on their way. At length when about a day's journey from Vt., they lost their way and fell in with some British, were recaptured and taken back to their prison in Quebec and there remained (their fate meanwhile being unknown to their people in Pittsford who, supposing them dead, had Elder Elisha Rich preach their funeral sermon). In June, 1782, Eph's uncle, Benj. Stevens, Sr., went to whitehall, where some prisoners were to be exchanged; and on the first boat which came in were our three Green Mountain boys. They were at once exchanged and returned to their families. Each rec'd 40s per mo. for the time of his captivity and was voted \$5.00 by the Gen. Assemb. for the gun he lost when taken prisoner. [From Vt. Hist. Mag.] At the close of the war Eph. went to Leicester, Addison Co., married, res. west of L. Champlain, and d. in lower Canada of smallpox. Ch.: Moses R., Christiana, Rhodian, Polly.

- 552b. iv. Elihu Stevens m. Lydia Haskins; d. in Canada 1830.
 552c. v. Moses Stevens.
 552d. vi. Abigail Stevens m. Darius (s. of David) Crippen Nov. 1, 1776. They rem. to Canada about 1795. Darius was drowned, and Abigail then went to western N. Y. to res. with a s. and d. there. Ch.: Mary, Samuel, Betsey, Deborah, Darius.

164.

Moses Doolittle (Lieut. Samuel, Samuel, Abraham), s. of Lieut. Samuel and Jane (Wheeler) D., was b. at Palmer, Mass., Oct. 18, 1732. His name is mentioned in the distribution of his father's est. in 1738, but not when bro. Ephraim bought out the heirs in 1750. From all accounts he is believed to be the same Moses who m. Mary ——— and resided for a time in N. Y. State. About 1786 they rem. to W. Va. and settled on the Monongahela river above Morgantown, being among the pioneer settlers in that section. There in the wilderness they cleared away the timber and laid out their farm.

CHILD.

553. i. Moses b. in N. Y. State about 1766.
 553c. ii. Benjamin b. Nov. 4, 1783.

166.

Abraham Doolittle (Abraham, Samuel, Abraham), s. of Abraham and Martha (Cornwall) D., of Middletown, Conn., where he was b. Oct. 31, 1726. He m. 1] Desiah Doud May 31, 1750. She d. Sept. 28, 1775, and he m. 2] Sarah Brockway Aug. 21, 1776, at East Haddam, Ct. Sarah d. Dec. 7, 1779. Abraham m. 3] Mar. 16, 1780, Elizabeth Beckwith, of Lynn. He was then res. at Middletown. Among their household belongings these Puritans had: pewter plates and porringers, brass andirons, brass kettles, brass and silver candlesticks, silver spoons, copper stew pans, iron kettles, a mortar and pestle, high top bedsteads, with curtains, feather beds, a warming pan and rush bottom chairs.

CHILDREN. (1 M.)

- 554. i. Desiah b. Feb. 2, 1751; m. at Cornwall, Ct., Aug. 27, 1770, Seth Higbe. She prob. d. before 1777 when the 2d dau. by this name was b.
- 555. ii. Abraham b. Dec. 24, 1752; d. Nov., 1777.
- 556. iii. Jemima b. Nov. 22, 1755.
- 557. iv. Martha b. Aug. 19, 1757.
- 558. v. Eunice b. Apr. 28, 1759; d. Sept. 12, 1775.
- 559. vi. Sarah b. May 14, 1761.
- 560. vii. Joshua b. Apr. 18, 1764; prob. m. at Berlin, Ct., Dec. 27, 1781, Azubah Allen. He was then res. in Middletown.
- 561. viii. Lucy b. Aug. 29, 1767.

(2 M.)

- 562. ix. Desire b. June 11, 1777; d. July 5, 1778.
- 563. x. Isaac b. Sept. 22, 1778.

168.

Ebenezer Doolittle (Abraham, Samuel, Abraham), s. of Abraham and Martha (Cornwall) D., of M., was b. June 3, 1730. He m. Mar. 2, 1758, Margaret Mark, of M., where they set. Ebenezer prob. m. 1] Elizabeth Harris Oct. 15, 1755, at M. She was a wid. *nee* Johnson.

CHILDREN.

- 564. i. (son) twin b. Apr. 24, 1759.
- 565. ii. (son) twin; both d. in 10 hours.
- 566. iii. (dau.) b. Apr. 4, 1760; d. in 6 days.
- 567. iv. (son) b. Nov. 3, 1761; d. soon.
- 568. v. Thompson b. Dec. 9, 1762.
- 569. vi. Ebenezer b. Dec. 19, 1764.
- 570. vii. (son) b. Dec. 20, 1767; d. in 2 da.
- 571. viii. Jesse b. Mar. 14, 1769.
- 572. ix. Partridge b. Sept. 26, 1771.

192.

Seth Doolittle (Joseph, Samuel, Abraham) s. of Joseph and Mary (Stickland) D. was b. at M. Jan. 21, 1745. He m. Feb. 4, 1768, Hannah Doud of M., where they res.

CHILDREN.

- 573. i. David b. Apr. 29, 1769.
- 574. ii. (son) b. May 4, 1770; d. in 3 da.
- 575. iii. Hannah b. May 31, 1771; m. Henry Darling.
- 576. iv. Seth b. Aug. 10, 1773; d. Aug. 3, 1777.
- 577. v. Olive b. May 23, 1776; d. Sept. 29, sm. yr.

193.

Abisha Doolittle (Joseph, Samuel, Abraham) s. of Joseph and Mary (Stickland) D. was b. at M. Feb. 5, 1747. He m. Sibyl Eggleston Nov. 17, 1774, and sett. at M. on the farm given him by his father. He built and operated a mill. He d. July 6, 1811. She b. Jan. 12, 1752, dau. of Ebenezer and Mary (Lane) E.

CHILD.

- 578. Amos b. Mar. 31, 1776.

196.

Joseph H. Doolittle (Joseph, Samuel, Abraham) s. of Joseph and Mary (Stickland) D. was b. at M. Sept. 28, 1755. He m. ——— Chilson, who d. in Nov., 1818, a. 64. He was a miller and millwright by occupation. He grew up with a generation taught to think and grapple with the toughest of life's problems, with little regard for self as long as right should triumph. Thus they fought in the Revol. with greatest determination and bore



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up under the losses and hardships with a patriotism deserving of the glorious reward they won. Joseph served in the Revol. and drew a pension of \$8.00 per month until his death, Nov. 1819, a. 64, at Berlin, Kensington Parish, Ct. (See No. 311.)

His gr. son says in 1820 there were two unm. sis. of Joseph res. in Ct. named "Molly and Dolly."

CHILD.

579. Joseph Chilson b. Apr. 11, 1793.

198.

Abigail Doolittle (Nathaniel, Samuel, Abraham) dau. of Nathaniel and Hannah (Foster) D. was b. at M. Mar. 21, 1743; m. at Cornwall, Conn., Jan. 28, 1762, Samuel Guild of M. and res. there.

CHILDREN.

- 580. i. Mary Guild b. Nov. 23, 1762.
- 581. ii. Artimesus Guild (dau.) b. Dec. 22, 1764.
- 582. iii. Phelix Guild b. Oct. 1, 1766.
- 583. iv. Syntha Guild b. Nov. 3, 1768.
- 584. v. Jeremiah Guild b. Nov. 3, 1770.
- 585. vi. Elinour Evits Guild b. Sept. 19, 1772.
- 586. vii. Plural Guild (son) b. Apr. 23, 1775; d. Feb. 23, 1776.

202.

Timothy Doolittle (Nathaniel, Samuel, Abraham) s. of Nathaniel and Hannah (Foster) D. was b. Feb. 17, 1752, at M. He enlisted at a private in Col. Van Ness' reg't of N. Y. troops in the Revol. and later served under Col. Graham of sm. state. He prob. res. in Sullivan Co., N. Y., on a farm which he owned and was known as Chancellor Doolittle.

CHILDREN.

587. Isaac prob. who d. aged 93.

208.

Sarah Doolittle (Isaac, Capt. Joseph, Abraham) dau. of Isaac and Sarah (Todd) D. of New Haven, was bapt. at Stratford, Conn., July, 1749; d. July 21, 1832, a. 85, and was buried at New Haven. She m. Jeremiah (s. of Jeremiah) Parmalee, b. Nov. 29, 1747, d. Mar. 24, 1778. He was a soldier in the Revol.; Capt. in Col. Hazen's reg't; wounded at Brandywine; d. of smallpox. He m. 1] Jan. 14, 1767, Abigail Russell, who d. 1767, a. 25.

CHILDREN.

588. i. Wm. Parmalee b. 1771; d. Nov. 2, 1794, a. 23.

589. ii. Wealthea Parmalee b. 1775; m. Capt. Benj. Beecher. He was capt. of first steamboat line between N. Y. and New Haven. He res. at N. H. and no citizen was better or more favorably known. He d. 1858 a. 84, s. of Eli and Susanna (Kimberly) B., of N. H. His wid. d. 1863 a. 88. Ch.: Wm. P., Henry, Grace M., John E., Labin S., Benj., Wealthy A., Elizabeth C., Mary, Edward C., Sarah P., Susan, Julia.

209.

Abigail Doolittle (Isaac, Capt. Joseph, Abraham) dau. of Isaac and Sarah (Todd) D. of New Haven, was b. Oct. 3, 1749; d. in West Wallingford Oct. 24, 1794, of yellow fever. She m. Nov. 17, 1768, Capt. Benj. English, b. Dec. 16, 1742, s. of Benj. and Sarah (Dayton) E. He was a ship master in New Haven and engaged in West India and other foreign commerce. In 1801 he was appt. by President Jefferson custom house officer in N. H. and held the position till his death, Apr. 19, 1809.

CHILDREN.

590. i. Benjamin English b. Jan. 5, 1770; m. June 9, 1793, Mary White. He sailed from New London, Ct., as master of a vessel and was never heard from; lost at sea 1809. Wid. m. (2) Lyman Dowd. Ch. of Benj.: Hannah.
591. ii. Sarah English b. Nov. 3, 1771; d. Mar. 26, 1843; unm.
592. iii. John Todd English b. Aug. 3, 1773; d. at St. Croix of yellow fever June 19, 1801, unm.
593. iv. Abigail English b. Feb. 1, 1776; d. Mar. 12, 1834; m. Aug. 29, 1802, Immanuel Hopkinson. Ch.: Arabella Frances, Mary Abigail, Martha Jane, Elizabeth Ann.
594. v. Mary English b. Jan. 12, 1778; d. Dec. 13, 1845; m. Nov. 3, 1799, Roswell Brown. Ch.: Charles, Jane, Benjamin, Maria.
595. vi. Hannah Rebecca English b. Jan. 5, 1780, d. Jan. 29, 1807, a. 27; m. Dec. 7, 1799, Bethuel (s. of Andrew) Tuttle b. 1779. He m. (2) Jan. 10, 1808, Julia Doolittle (609), cousin of his first wf. Ch.: Wm., John Todd, George.
596. vii. Isaac English b. Mar. 9, 1782; d. Oct. 7, 1826; m. July 26, 1807, Catherine Ross, of New London, Ct. Ch.: Wm. F., Nathaniel S., Sarah A., Hannah M., Catherine, Julia, Isaac.
597. viii. James English b. July 26, 1784, m. Mar. 29, 1807, Nancy Griswold. He d. Dec. 2, 1850. Nancy was dau. of Sam. and Lucy (Phipps) G., b. Aug. 16, 1786, d. 1867. Ch.: i. Hannah E., ii. Benj., iii. John, iv. James E., was 3 times elected governor of Conn.; v. Charles L., vi. Henry, vii. Geo. Doolittle, viii. Elizabeth H., ix. Nancy M., x. Caroline B. James E., the fourth son, was b. Mar. 12, 1812, studied architecture and became a practical builder from which he branched into an extensive lumber business. He owned vessels and exported lumber and established freight lines, laying the foundation of his great wealth; later invested in banking, real estate and m'f'gs. becoming one of Conn.'s richest men. He was principal business mgr. of the New Haven Clock Co., greatest mfg. in the world; also pres. of the large Goodyear Rubber Co. In politics he was on Board of Selectmen many yrs.

- and in Common Council. In 1855 went to legislature and state senate. 1860-4 was member of Congress—declined nom. for 3d term. He was an active, conscientious war Democrat. In 1867 and 8 was elected gov. of Conn., being, it is said, the only Democratic gov. in the U. S.; again elected in 1870. In 1868 was prominent in Democratic nat. convention as a candidate for the presidential nomination. In 1878 was appt. U. S. senator by the governor to fill out term of Hon. O. S. Ferry, dec. He was a champion of education and succeeded in establishing the free school system in Conn. His help and influence have been a power in aiding higher education. As a staunch business man he had few equals and was unsurpassed as a conscientious, public spirited, and philanthropic citizen. He m. Caroline dau. of Timothy Fowler. Ch.: Henry F.
598. ix. Aaron English b. Nov. 25, 1786; d. Nov. 22, 1839, m. Aug. 9, 1822, Sarah Haynes. Ch.: Hannah R., Chas. H., Fred'k N., Sarah E.
599. x. Eli English b. Mar. 9, 1789; m. Sept. 20, 1821, Emily Stocking. He d. and was buried at Hartford 4 Corners, Vt. Ch.: Fred'k, Jane, Elizabeth.
600. xi. Nathan Frederick English b. Apr. 9, 1792; unm.; lost at sea (1814) in brig Aaron.

211.

Thankful Doolittle (Isaac, Capt. Joseph, Abraham) dau. of Isaac and Sarah (Todd) D. b. Jan. 21, 1754. She m. at New Haven, Ct., Feb. 13, 1777, John s. of Daniel and Mehittable (Brown) Trowbridge, b. June 1, 1748. He was a Capt. in the Revol. war; stationed at West Point; d. in N. Y. City Sept. 7, 1791, a. 43. Thankful d. Feb. 14, 1827, a. 73.

CHILDREN.

601. i. John Todd Trowbridge b. Oct. 23, 1780; m. Polly Miles, and d. at Racine, Wis., May 3, 1858, a. 78. He was capt. of the ship "Thomas" of New Haven.

His was a most eventful life. After himself and crew were captured by the English and again by the French, and obtained their liberty, he was finally taken and confined in the famous "Blackhole" at Calcutta and afterwards in London. He was freed in 1815 and returned to N. Y., having been absent 5½ yrs. Just subsequent to his final capture by the British he recovered upwards of a quarter of a million dollars from a sunken vessel off New Holland. He set. in Rochester, N. Y., in 1816 in commercial business but rem. to Racine in 1836. "He was a brave, generous and honest man, in faith and practice a Christian." Ch.: Henrietta M., John W. Grace A., Elihu F., Stewart H., Henry W.,—all married.

- 602. ii. Julia Trowbridge bapt. May 5, 1782; d. Sept. 29, 1783.
- 603. iii. Chas. E. Trowbridge b. Feb. 27, 1784; m. Mary Bailey, of Middletown. Ch.: Mary A., Frances C., Elizabeth M., Julia E., Chas. E., Harriet A., Augusta S., Loudon B., Fred'k W.
- 604. iv. Elihu Trowbridge bapt. Dec. 17, 1786.
- 605. v. Julia Trowbridge bapt. 1789.
- 606. vi. Elias Trowbridge bapt. Oct. 12, 1795; m. Harriet Huntington. He followed the West India trade from 1816 to 1829, then rem. to Oswego, N. Y., and engaged in the forwarding trade; d. Sept. 17, 1862. Ch.: Lewis B., John P., Chas. F., Alfred C., Fred'k E.

213.

Isaac Doolittle (Isaac, Capt. Joseph, Abraham) was s. of Isaac and Sarah (Todd) D., b. in 1759. He m. Dec. 7, 1780, at Cheshire, Ct., Desire, dau. of Matthew Bellamy and sis. of the distinguished Rev. Dr. Bellamy of Bethlehem, Conn. They set. in Cheshire. He d. 1821.

CHILDREN.

- 607. i. Harriet b. 1782.
- 608. ii. Isaac b. 1784.
- 609. iii. Julia b. 1786; m. Bethuel Tuttle (595).
- 610. iv. Elizabeth b. Aug. 3, 1791; m. Wm. Dwight.
- 611. v. Sarah.
- 612. vi. John b. 1795, d. 1815.

218.

Joseph Doolittle (Joseph, Capt. Joseph, Abraham) s. of Joseph and Mary (Munson) D., was b. at W. Jan. 15, 1757. He m. Jan. 27, 1780, Sarah, dau. of Nathaniel and Alice (Hall) Hart. They res. in North Haven. He d. Feb. 25, 1814, a. 57. She d. Nov. 14, 1826, a. 67. They were buried at W. On his grave-stone, besides the date of his death, are the following words: "An affectionate husband and parent." He was first selectman elected in North Haven in 1812.

Apr. 7, 1800, Joseph Doolittle of North Haven and Joel and Reuben Doolittle of W. bought of the heirs of Joshua Doolittle Waterman, deceased, for \$2,000, 140 acres at W. This land was formerly owned by Joshua Doolittle (69) and bounded east partly on Joel and Reuben Doolittle (220 and 222), partly on Oliver Doolittle (287) and partly on Joseph Doolittle (218), and south on Joel and Reuben D. He was elected to the General Assembly from North Haven in 1801, and continued to serve his town in this office during the following 12 yrs.

CHILDREN.

- 613. i. Jared.
- 614. ii. Nathaniel b. Dec. 25, 1787.
- 615. iii. Ira.
- 616. iv. Mary m. Oliver Deming.

220.

Joel Doolittle (Joseph, Capt. Joseph, Abraham) s. of Joseph and Mary (Munson) D. was b. at W. Jan. 7, 1761. He m. Feb. 22, 1787, Lois (dau. of Nathaniel) Hart, sis. of his bro. Joseph's

wf. They res. at W. Joel and Joseph Doolittle leased the grist mill at Quinnipiac; also May 12, 1784, Dr. Walter Munson leased the right to them and to their heirs for 500 years for £20 to erect a fulling mill on the same stream. In fulling mills woolens were dyed, fulled, sheared and pressed. Plain linens were made at home, often by itinerant weavers who were in great demand and engaged months ahead. The colonists were never sparing in their labors and would usually bleach their linen 30-40 times to reach their ideal immaculate whiteness.

Joel d. Aug. 6, 1825, a. 65. Lois d. Nov. 18, 1851, a. 90. Their gravestones are standing in the W. cemetery.

CHILDREN.

- 617. i. Alfred b. Oct. 2, 1789; d. Jan. 6, 1878.
- 618. ii. Lucy b. July 1, 1795; d. aged abt. 9 yr.

222.

Reuben Doolittle (Joseph, Capt. Joseph, Abraham) s. of Ensign Joseph and Mary (Munson) D., b. at W. Aug. 6, 1765. He m. Mar. 12, 1789, Betsey dau. of Capt. Ithamar and Rhoda (Barnes) Tuttle of North Haven. They res. at W. Reuben d. June 7, 1842. Betsey d. June 11, 1840, a. 70. Their gravestone stands in the cemetery at W. They were farmers in south-west part of W.

CHILDREN.

- 619. i. Almon b. July 29, 1790.
- 620. ii. Rufus b. May 7, 1793.
- 621. iii. Rhoda b. Jan. 7, 1805; m. Augustus Hall.

234.

Jerusha Doolittle (Ebenezer, Ebenezer, Abraham) dau. of Ebenezer and Lydia (Warner) D. was b. at Cheshire, Conn., Feb. 26, 1731. She m. Barnabas Lewis Mar. 10, 1753.

CHILD.

622. Benoni Lewis.

235.

Eli Doolittle (Ebenezer, Ebenezer, Abraham) s. of Ebenezer and Lydia (Warner) D. was b. Sept. 28, 1733, at C. He m. May 10, 1758, Ruth Hill and sett. in W. Eli was bapt. in the Congregational Church in C. in 1773, in which parish they prob. res'd. The absence of many things we feel essential was not noticed then, being unknown. Tea, coffee and chocolate appeared about 1700. Cider and home brewed beer had been used from the start. Raised bread was hardly known in early days as leaven, souring with heat and unfitted by cold, was hard to keep between bakings. Pantries were not built in the houses which followed the log cabins. In earliest times chests were used as seats—the chairs were given to the aged and infirm. Wooden dishes, even gourds and saucer-like shells were used by the poorer people, and pewter by the more thrifty. A table service of it was looked on as an appropriate and elegant wedding gift.

CHILDREN.

623. i. Jerusha b. May 1, 1759.
624. ii. Aseneth b. June 23, 1760; d. Nov. 13, 1760.

625. iii. Moses b. Feb. 20, 1762; bapt. at Cong. chh. in C., 1767; d. Nov. 6, 1825, a. 57; buried at C. He m. Huldah Hill at C. Jan. 19, 1800, and prob. res. over west of C. at Moss Farms.
626. iv. Sarah b. Feb. 9, 1764.
627. v. Aseneth b. Apr. 13, 1766; m. Asa Hitchcock.
628. vi. Lucena.
629. vii. Ruth bapt. at Cong. chh. in C. 1770.
630. viii. Elizabeth b. Nov. 25, 1772; bapt. 1772; d. Nov. 25, 1775.

236.

Ruth Doolittle (Ebenezer, Ebenezer, Abraham) dau. of Ebenezer and Lydia (Warner) D. of C. was b. Aug. 20, 1735. She m. Samuel Brooks of W. Jan. 10, 1760.

CHILD.

- 631a. i. Reuben Brooks b. Oct. 19, 1763. In early life he served in the Revol., m. (1) Nov. 18, 1784, Rocksa Pritchard. He m. (2) about 1809 Esther Clark. He res. many years at Pittsfield, Mass., and d. there. Ch. (1) m.: John, Polly, Rebekah, Rocksa, Reuben, Lyman, Lydia d. y., Ashahel, Mauna M., Lydia 2 d., Calvin, Otis; (2) m.: Henry L., James L., Sophia H., Samuel Doolittle [became a physician and sett. in Springfield, Mass., where, in his 87th yr., he res. (Aug., '02,) with his only living ch., Lawton S., a practicing physician, and is highly esteemed. He m. July 13, 1843, Eliza J. Stickney]; Horatio H., Thomas L. [the only one living beside Samuel D. (above), res. at Pittsfield], Sarah A., Reuben, Chauncey.
- 631b. ii. Merub Brooks b. Aug. 22, 1770.
- 631c. iii. Samuel Brooks b. Mar. 27, 1773.

237.

Ebenezer Doolittle (Ebenezer, Ebenezer, Abraham) s. of Ebenezer and Lydia (Warner) D. was b. at C. Oct. 12, 1736. He m. June 7, 1762, Lucy Hall. They owned and occupied the farm in Cheshire on which his father and grandfather had lived. This property was prob. later owned by Londa Bristol. Feb. 8, 1773, Ebenezer and Lucy deed a piece of land in W. to one Capt. Joshua Hall of that place. Ebenezer Doolittle enlisted in the Revol. in 4th Conn. reg't in 1782. Later he served with 1st reg't Nov. 1-Dec. 31, 1782. Lucy d. at C. May 3, 1803, a. 59, and he m 2] Olive ———. He was admitted to the Con. chh. at C. in 1784. His wf. was admitted July 7, 1805. Ebenezer d. Oct. 1, 1807, a. 71, and is buried at C. His will probated Nov. 5, sm. yr., names wf. Olive; gives \$200 to dau. Lucy before any division is made. The remainder of est. is to be divided among ch.: Elkanah, Lucy, Eliphan, Azubah, Alice, Amaryllis and the heirs of s. Benajah (deceased). Londa Bristol, exr.

CHILDREN.

- 632. i. Benajah Hall b. Dec. 20, 1764; d. before 1805; left family.
- 633. ii. Elkanah b. Mar. 15, 1767.
- 634. iii. Fanny, m. Londa Bristol at C. Dec. 23, 1795.
- 635. iv. Ebenezer b. abt. 1770, d. May 25, 1806, a. 36; buried at C.
- 636. v. Lucy b. Oct. 3, 1772, prob. m. at C. Mar. 23, 1794, Lemon Judson.
- 637. vi. Amzi d. Oct. 10, 1775, a. 7 yrs.
- 638. vii. Eliphan b. June 27, 1776, bapt. at C. 1776; d. in New York with the smallpox by inoculation May 18, 1797, a. 21.
- 639. viii. Azubah b. Apr. 26, 1778; bapt. at Cong. church sm. yr.; admitted to that church 1833; d. at C. Oct. 11, 1846, a. 69. On her gravestone is: "For if ye believe that Christ died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him."
- 640. ix. Alice (called Else) b. Jan. 1, 1780; bapt. sm. yr.; m. Richardson Hull at C. Sept. 21, 1808.
- 641. x. Amaryllis bapt. at Cong. church in C. 1782; m. Moses Peck at C. Apr. 19, 1800.

238.

Ensign Jesse Doolittle(Ebenezer, Ebenezer, Abraham) s. of Ebenezer and Lydia (Warner) D. of C., was b. Aug. 12, 1738. He m. Mary Chub Feb. 10, 1760. She d. Mar. 2, 1819, a. 82. They res. for a time in New Hartford, but rem. in 1777 to Winchester, Ct., and bought of Stephen Chub, Jr., the mill lot reserved by the proprietor at Still River Falls, where some years ago the clock factory was located, and the land adjoining it on the east side of the river. One of the two incorporated grist mills of Winchester supposed to have been built about 1777 stood on the west side of Still River just south of the stone bridge. It was owned and operated for many years by Ensign Jesse Doolittle and was carried off by a flood in 1800. His house was burned, after which he rebuilt on the same site and res. there until his d. Feb. 9, 1793, a. 55. This home was more recently known as the Asoph place house, but some years ago was taken down and rem.

June 5, 1778, Jesse Doolittle (recorded as of New Hartford) deeds to Ebenezer Doolittle (237) of W. 10 acres and 73 rods of land in W. and parish of New Cheshire; consideration £110. Nov. 15, 1778, he deeds two other pieces of land in same locality to Ebenezer for £600.

CHILDREN.

- 642. i. Jesse.
- 643. ii. Ruth (prob.) who m. Chauncey Mills.
- 644. iii. Zerah.
- 645. iv. Mary b. abt. 1767; m. Nathan Wheeler.
- 646. v. Lyman b. June 5, 1779.

242.

Thomas Doolittle (Moses, Ebenezer, Abraham) s. of Moses and Lydia (Richardson) D. of W., was b. Feb. 14, 1730, and d. of the "great sickness" Nov. 19, 1760. He m. Feb. 20, 1753, Lois (dau. of Dr. John) Hull (see No. 243). They res. near Cheshire St. in Cheshire. His children are mentioned in the will of his father in 1777. Wid. Lois m. 2] Dec. 3, 1761, Nathaniel Roys, being his 2d wf. Thomas is buried in old cemetery at C.

CHILDREN.

- 647. i. Lois b. Mar. 28, 1754, m. Col. Reuben Roys.
- 648. ii. Lucy b. Apr. 9, 1757; m. Capt. Thomas Moss.
- 649. iii. Abigail b. Dec. 15, 1759; m. Caleb Todd at C. Jan. 22, 1778.

243.

Hannah Doolittle (Moses, Ebenezer, Abraham) dau. of Moses and Lydia (Richardson) D. of Cheshire, b. Nov. 7, 1732. She m. at C. Mar. 28, 1749, Dr. Zephaniah Hull. He was eldest son of Dr. John and Sarah H. of same place and was b. Aug. 15, 1728, on the land given to Dr. John Hull in 1687. (Dr. John was s. of Dr. Benjamin and gr. s. of Dr. John Hull.) They res. at Bethlehem where he was a great friend of the celebrated Dr. Bellemey, and recognized as a man of high character and great influence both as physician and citizen.

Dr. Zephaniah and Hannah both d. Nov. 10, 1760, of the "great sickness" and were buried in one grave. Two of their children d. the same day. Their dau. Lydia used to tell the following peculiar story [see Barbers Hist. of Conn.] : Soon after

her parents' death a flock of quail flew over the garden and all fell to the grass. In a few minutes 3 arose and flew away; the rest died. The family looked on it as a prophetic sign when only 3 of all the family who were sick at the time recovered.

At Hannah's death her father, Moses Doolittle, rode over to Bethlehem and brought her little s., Andrew Hull, then 6 yr. old, back with him on horseback to his home in Cheshire, at Moss Farms [property now owned by Hanford Smith], and brought him up.

CHILDREN.

- 650. i. Lydia Hull b. 1749; d. 1750.
- 651. ii. Titus Hull b. Mar. 25, 1751, at Bethlehem; was a surgeon in the Revol.; rem. to Danbury, Ct., 1805, afterward to N. Y. State 1807. He m. (1) Lucy Parmalee; had 2 ch. who d. in infancy. She d. 1776. He m. (2) Mrs. Olive (Lewis) Parmalee 1778, wid. of Abraham. He d. in N. Y. State. Ch.: i. Laurens, a prom. physician of Oneida Co., N. Y.; ii. Althea, m. Truman Hill; iii. Chas., a physician in Oneida Co., N. Y., had a son and 3 daus.; iv. Betsey, m. E. Hinsdale, of Le Roy, N. Y.; v. Elias, capt. in war 1812, later brig. gen'l. of N. Y. State militia; afterwards res. in Alabama, a lawyer, d. 1865; vi. Lucy Olive, m. Ezra Starr; vii. Olive E., m. Col. Elijah Morse; viii. Andrew Clark, first judge of Allegheny Co. for 5 yr., also held other high offices, m. Betsey Morse, d. 1876; ix. Leverett a minister, d. 1852; x. Rufus Lewis.
- 652. iii. Lydia Hull b. 1753; m. (1) J. Judson, 1769; (2) Amasa Clark and left descendants.
- 653. iv. Andrew Hull b. 1754; called Squire; m. Naomi (dau. of Belah) Lewis, 1776. He res. with his grandfather, Moses Doolittle, till the latter's death when Andrew inherited the Doolittle property and res. there till his own death, 1824. Andrew was sent to 36 different sessions of the legislature from 1788-1815, and held many other important offices, was a

man of great independence, and of prompt decision and action. Naomi and Andrew both at a. 70 d. 1824. Ch.: Naomi m. Capt. Wm. Brown, of N. H.; Eudocia m. Hon. Sam. A. Foote, who became governor of Conn.

654. v. Hannah Hull b. 1757; d. Nov. 10, 1760, of the "great sickness."
 655. vi. Sarah Hull b. 1759; d. Nov. 10, 1760, the same day as parents.

244.

Eunice Doolittle (Moses, Ebenezer, Abraham) dau. of Moses and Lydia (Richardson) D. of C., was b. Oct. 17, 1734; m. David Hotchkiss Dec. 25, 1752; res. in C. They had 6 boys and 7 girls.

250.

Lydia Doolittle (Moses, Ebenezer, Abraham) dau. of Moses and Ruth (Hill) D. of C. prob. m. Jeremiah Arnold and res. at Middletown, Conn.

CHILD.

656. i. Abigail Arnold. (Middletown record says "Lydia.")

256.

Amos Doolittle (Caleb, Ebenezer, Abraham) s. of Caleb and Tamar (Thompson) D., was b. at C. Jan. 5, 1735. He m. Apr. 4, 1760, Abigail Ives, poss. sis. of bro. Benjamin's wf. Lydia and dau. of Joel Ives. They sett. on a farm in south-west part of C. This property is now (1901) owned by the heirs of another Amos Doolittle ().

In those dark times when the awful storm of revolution was gathering excitement ran high and party lines were sharply

drawn. It is said that Amos' conservatism caused him to side with Loyalists and later to become a pronounced Tory. During the struggle of the colonies for independence the law permitted the shooting of any known adherent to the king if found away from his own residence. Here we catch a glimpse of the horrible nature of civil war. We cannot fully conceive it. It was too long ago. The perspective is too far drawn. The images are indistinct. Let the imagination bring the objects close and the picture becomes nearly real. Here you see those who have been kind and agreeable neighbors—yes, more than that—those who were brought up around one hearthstone—here they stand guns loaded, liable to hear at any moment the command to discharge their deadly weapons at one another's breasts, and worst of all, are ready to do it. Amos' home was on the east side of the road south of where T. A. Cook res. and a short distance north of the brook. It is said that in those days of excitement a "neighbor" could frequently be seen with a gun on his shoulder marching to and fro in the field adjoining Mr. D.'s down by the road waiting a chance to shoot him as he climbed over the wall off of his property to gather the hickory nuts which fell over from his tree. However, no serious trouble occurred and Amos lived more than a quarter of a century to enjoy true national life, and we may hope became as ardent a supporter of the new gov't as he had been conscientious in adhering to his king.

He made his will in Jan, 1803, which was probated Apr. 7, 1807. It gives to his wid., also the daus., Abigail A. Hull, Lois Humiston and Olive Bradley and s. Amos. Amos Doolittle and Jesse Humiston, both of C., exrs. Amos sr. d. Mar. 23, 1807, a. 72. His wid. d. July 28, 1827, a. 88. Both are buried in the Episcopal burying ground in C.

CHILDREN.

- 657. i. Olive b. Mar. 30, 1761; m. at Cheshire Dec. 17, 1778,
Amos Bradley, of Hamden, Ct.
- 658. ii. Lois b. Sept. 13, 1763; m. Jesse Humiston.
- 659. iii. Abigail Ann b. Jan. 27, 1766; m. Samuel Hull.
- 660. iv. Amos b. 1767.
- 661. v. Jotham Ives b. Dec. 6, 1773; grad. at Yale in 1795;
d. unm. Apr. 14, 1799, a. 26, while teaching in the
South. A tombstone to his memory is standing in
the old cemetery at C.

257.

Tamar Doolittle (Caleb, Ebenezer, Abraham) dau. of Caleb and Tamar (Thompson) D., was b. at C. Aug. 12, 1736. She was m. to Samuel Hitchcock s. of Capt. Benjamin and Elizabeth (Ives) H. b. Apr. 1, 1739. They sett. in Southington, Ct. In 1767 he was of Farmington, Ct. He d. May 8, 1798. She d. Dec. 7, 1716, a. 80.

CHILDREN.

- 662. i. Samuel Hitchcock b. Feb. 27, 1757; m. Mary (dau. of
Lent) Munson Apr. 17, 1780; she b. 1756, d. 1826.
He res. in Southington. He climbed the steeple of
the old church at one time by aid of the lightning
rod. He was soldier in Revol. and taken prisoner.
Ch.: Sophronia, Lent (a fine picture of him on pg.
171 Hitchcock Genealogy. He m. and had 9 ch.);
Franklin, Samuel (m. and had 6 ch.), Beriah,
Polly.
- 663. ii. Caleb Hitchcock b. May 17, 1760; m. (1) 1784, prob.
Ada Malory, who d. 1808; m. (2) 1809 Julia Thorpe,
dau. of John of Southington; he was sea capt. and
d. Mar. 16, 1826. Wid. d. 1851 a. 72.
- 664. iii. Elizabeth Hitchcock b. Dec. 29, 1763; m. Lines Thorpe.
- 665. iv. Tamar Hitchcock bapt. Aug. 25, 1765; m. Thomas
Cowles as 2d wf. She d. Kensington, Ct., July 10,
1855, a. 90. Ch.: Tamar, Sophia, Nancy, Rhoda,
Wm., Olevia, Lucinda.
- 666. v. Esther Hitchcock, m. Nov. 11, 1798, Barnabas Powers.
She d. Sept. 20, 1802.

258.

Capt. Benjamin Doolittle (Caleb, Ebenezer, Abraham) s. of Caleb and Tamar (Thompson) D. of C., was b. Mar. 5, 1738. He laid out and settled a 150 acre farm in C. half a mile west of the village. This property was just beyond the railroad on the Cornwall road; his home stood on the s. w. corner at the cross roads there, both of which highways he laid out. The house and other buildings are now gone, but the old well and some of the apple trees he set out still remain about a depression in the earth and mark the spot these people once called home. It is said when he came to clear this locality he dug out a rude temporary dwelling in the neighboring hillside till he could build his house. He m. Nov. 20, 1765, Lydia Ives, who was b. 1742, d. May 3, 1823, a. 81. She was prob. dau. of Joel Ives of C. They were thrifty farmers, raised grain and sheep and owned part interest in a cider mill.

The original home lot and a portion of the farm are still in the possession of one of his descendants, Mr. Frederick Doolittle of Cheshire.

One fall Benj. and wf. made the long trip of 70 miles on horseback to visit relatives in Mass., the wf. riding on a pillion behind her husband. As they were about ready to start home, a severe storm was seen approaching and they rode all the 70 miles home in one day. That same night a snow-storm set in which lasted until their house was covered up to the roof and they were shut in four weeks or more. It was a time of great suffering in many families—some having to burn their furniture to keep warm. Nov., 1763, Lucius Doolittle (134) of Northfield, Mass., deeded

land in Wallingford, Ct., to Benj. Doolittle. It is quite possible that it was to arrange this transaction that Benj. and wf. made the fall journey.

Benj. was taken ill while chopping down a large oak and d. soon after. This same oak now forms the south sill of Fred'k Doolittle's house just west of C. Lydia m. 2] Apr. 6, 1808, Daniel Dutton.

Benj. was drafted in the Revol. He may have served also in the old French and Indian war. His wf. remained on the farm and to her fell the work of attending to the harvest while he had to proceed to Ft. George. He d. Aug. 3, 1802, a. 65, and is b. in the old cemetery at C. On his tombstone besides dates, etc., is:

"Then let surviving children hear
A pious father's call.
Hark from the tomb prepare to die
And make my God your all."

Just above this is "Lydia Dutton, formerly consort of Benjamin Doolittle, d. May' 3, 1823." Dec. 15, 1802, Joseph Ives Doolittle of C. (being exr. of will of Capt. Benj. Doolittle, late of Cheshire) presented same for probate. It names wid. Lydia, and following ch.: Benj., Joseph I. (£300 each), Hannah, Acheah, and Lydia. Inv. £2136.

CHILDREN.

- 667. i. Lydia b. Aug. 17, 1766, d. y.
- 668. ii. Hannah b. Oct. 1, 1767; m. Samuel Doolittle (365).
- 669. iii. Acheah (called Axie); m. Jared Ives.
- 670. iv. Benjamin b. Feb. 10, 1771.
- 671. v. Joseph Ives b. Sept. 6, 1772.
- 672. vi. Lydia b. Sept. 20, 1774; d. Oct. 31, 1777.
- 673. vii. Lydia, m. Lent Moss.

261.

Caleb Doolittle (Caleb, Ebenezer, Abraham) s. of Caleb and Tamar (Thompson) D. of C., was b. Dec. 5, 1744. He m. Hannah ——— and sett. on a farm which has more recently been known as the Julius Brooks farm in the north-west part of Hamden, Conn., called Westwood. Their descendants are said to be quite numerous around Bethany, Ct., but many have other names than Doolittle.

CHILDREN.

- 674. i. Reuben.
- 675. ii. Caleb.
- 676. iii. Jesse d. Aug. 22, 1776, in his 2d yr. His gravestone stands in Mt. Carmel cemetery and bears the following inscription: "Time is short, eternity is long."
- 677. iv. Jesse.
- 678. v. Tamar, m. — Wooden.

263.

Hannah Doolittle (Caleb, Ebenezer, Abraham) a twin dau. of Caleb and Tamar (Thompson) D., was b. at C. Apr. 7, 1746; m. David Hitchcock, bro. of her sis. Tamar's husband (257). He was b. June 29, 1742. In 1767 they res. at Farmington, but previously in Southington, Ct., on what is now known as the Ransom Frisbee place in s. w. pt. of town. He was a minute man and served in the Revol. At town meeting in C. in 1780 David Hitchcock was appt. on "a committee for hiring the soldiers to fill up the Continental army for the term of three years, or during the present war." "When the British fleet entered New Haven har-

bor minute guns were fired to alarm the neighboring towns. David Hitchcock was cutting rye. Hearing the guns he left his cradle in the swarth. Going home he was soon ready and on his way to New Haven." (Southington Records.) He d. July 17, 1814, at his home in C. Wid. Hannah d. Dec. 21, 1815.

CHILDREN.

- 679. i. Phebe Hitchcock b. Nov. 27, 1766; m. Mar. 23, 1786, Solomon Rugg, a miller. They res. 1804 in Southington. She d. 1834.
- 680. ii. Hannah Hitchcock b. Aug. 4, 1768; d. in Sherman, N. Y., Nov. 24, 1852, a. 84; m. Oct. 29, 1791, Moses Dutton, of Southington, s. of Joseph. Ch.: Hannah b. 1801, m. Willis Hinsdale. Their dau. Elizabeth was an artist, m. C. T. Bateman and d. in Toledo, 1892.
- 681. iii. Mary Ann Hitchcock b. June 14, 1770; m. Oct. 23, 1791, David Frost. Ch.: Naomi, Levi B., Lucy, David H., Martha, Patty, Sylvester, Polly.
- 682. iv. Lucy Hitchcock m. Mark Lewis.
- 683. v. David Hitchcock b. 1774; d. Oct. 30, 1778.
- 684. vi. Lydia Hitchcock b. Aug. 4, 1777; m. Dec. 12, 1796, Herman Hall.
- 685. vii. Micah Hitchcock b. Dec. 1778; d. 1779.
- 686. viii. Martha Hitchcock b. Oct. 29, 1780; m. Oct. 18, 1802, Selah Upson. They res. at Southington in 1803. She d. Dec. 31, 1863.
- 687. ix. Abigail Hitchcock bapt. Apr. 27, 1783; m. before 1804 Eli Pratt and d. 1851 a. 68.
- 688. x. Lois Hitchcock b. Jan. 25, 1786; m. Apr. 27, 1809, Ransom Frisbie.

265.

Joseph Doolittle (Caleb, Ebenezer, Abraham) s. of Caleb and Tamar (Thompson) D. of C., was b. Apr. 30, 1751. He set. west of the village of C.; m. Sarah Hotchkiss Dec. 8, 1773 at C. They owned a farm in what is now Prospect, Ct. She d. May 23, 1776. Joseph m. 2] Hannah Chatterton at C. Mar. 26, 1777. Coin often was scarce and corn with other produce was often used as barter. Just previous to the Revol. the following were prices paid by our ancestors:

Shoes, 6s per pr.	Man's labor, 2-3s per day.
Pewter spoons, 7s per doz.	Geese, 2s each.
Felt hats, 6s 6p each.	Clams, 2s per bu.
Beaver hats, £1 10s each.	Red beans, 4s 6d per bu.
Leather breeches, 2s per pr.	Flaxseed, 6s 6d per bu.
Brick, £5 per 1000.	Corn, 3s 6d per bu.
Cider, 6s per bbl.	Wheat, 4s 5d per bu.
A week's spinning, 4s.	Rye, 3s per bu.
Oats, 1s 6d per bu.	

CHILDREN. (I M.)

689. i. Asa b. Oct. 18, 1775.

(2 M.)

690. ii. Sarah b. Apr. 19, 1778.

691. iii. Anna b. May 4, 1780; d. Oct. 3, 1807, a. 27. Buried in old cemetery at C.

692. iv. Lyman b. Jan. 20, 1782.

693. v. Joseph b. Aug. 9, 1786.

266.

Ephraim Doolittle (Caleb, Ebenezer, Abraham) s. of Caleb and Tamar (Thompson) D., b. at C. June 15, 1754. He settled on a farm in the s. w. district of C. He also owned the property known as Gaylords Mills. He was a man of considerable prominence; m. Christiana Thorpe, who, after his death, m. Thaddeus Rich. Ephraim d. Oct. 4, 1798, a. 45. His will was presented for probate in Nov. 1798, by his wid. and Andrew Hull. She d. Sept. 28, 1841, a. 89, and is buried by the side of Ephraim in old cemetery at C. Ephraim's will mentioned wf. Christiana and children, Rispah and Julia. He res'd in C. at his father's homestead after the latter's death. His name is among those granted ear marks for cattle in Cheshire.

CHILDREN.

- 694. i. Rispah (son) eldest, d. in C. Feb. 17, 1843, a. 50; burial in Cong. cem. at C.
- 695. ii. Julia d. in C. Mar. 24, 1803, a. 8 yrs.
- 696. iii. Ephraim d. Jan. 6, 1808, a. 6 yrs. and is buried with sis. (above).

286.

Daniel Doolittle (Daniel, Daniel, Abraham) s. of Daniel and Elizabeth (Dayton) D. of North Haven, Ct., was b. Nov. 10, 1741. He m. 1] Miss Abigail Johnson. They res. about 1½ miles south of W. on the road to New Haven and reared their large family of 20 ch.—the first 7 being born within the period of 7 yr. and 10 mo. His descendants are numerous in Hamden, Wallingford, New Haven, North Haven and Mt. Carmel Centre, Conn., while many went to Vt. and other states. All are said to have the high regard of their fellow citizens.

In 1775 Daniel was Ensign of his company (Comp. 10 of reg't 1, and served May 1-Dec. 1, 1775) See at end of No. 106 for record of Revolutionary service in 1st reg't under Gen. Wooster. In 1779 Daniel's name appears as a minute man on the alarm list and militia in parish of North Haven. These were locally known as the "household bands."

He m. 2] Rebecca ———, prob. a sis. of his first wf. At the time of the persecution of the Baptists in New Eng. about 1754 when his first wf. Abigail was a girl, she was taken from her home near W. with her sis. in the night and carried off to New Haven in a cart where they were shut up in jail on the charge of "worshiping God contrary to the law." In 1792 Johnson and Michael Doolittle of W. and Daniel Doolittle of Hamden sell land in W. near Johnson Doolittle's to their father Daniel.

Jan. 9, 1796, Daniel Doolittle of North Haven rec'd land in W. near Johnson Doolittle's land from his children Giles, Nathan and Rebecca Doolittle, then residents of Hamden, Ct. Daniel sr. d. Dec. 17, 1808. Widow Doolittle's dowry distributed 1809; names heirs in following order: Giles, Johnson, Sarah Chatterton, Daniel, Michael, Rebecca Russell, Nathan, Abigail Hinman, Rhoda Woolcot, Isaac, Mary Hamlin, John, Stephen, Lois Phelps, Elizabeth, Abraham, Jacob. In olden times a numerous posterity was a thing to be desired; and the results of change in climate and surroundings which make a race more prolific is seen among them. Families of over 20 ch. were not rare, but many infants d. as the stock was slow in becoming acclimated to the rigorous climate. The old homestead in which one or more of the Daniels of this line dwelt was still standing near North Haven a few years ago.

CHILDREN.

- 697. i. Giles b. Dec. 28, 1763; m. at New Haven, Ct., Nov. 12, 1797, Emilia Thomas; res. 1803 at W.
- 698. ii. Isaac b. Nov. 21, 1764; prob. d. y.
- 699. iii. Johnson b. Nov. 10, 1765; res. 1803 in W.
- 700. iv. Sarah b. Mar. 26, 1767; m. David Chatterton and res. 1803 in Wallingford, Vt.
- 701. v. Daniel b. Oct. 27, 1768; res. 1803 in Hamden, Ct.
- 702. vi. Michael b. Apr. 16, 1770; res. 1803 in W.
- 703. vii. Rebecca b. Nov. 7, 1771; m. Benjamin Russell, and res. 1803 in Wallingford, Vt.
- 704. viii. Nathan b. Feb. 16, 1774; res. 1803 in Wallingford, Vt.
- 705. ix. Abigail twin; m. — Hinman.
- 706. x. Rhoda twin; m. — Woolcot. They res in W. She had at least one son. He went to Ohio.
- 707. xi. Isaac prob.; mentioned in 1809 in distribution of mother's dowry. It is prob. he was the Isaac Doolittle who res. in Vt. in Oct., 1828, and signed petition to legislature. In 1834 he res. in Bennington Co., Vt., and petitioned legislature for a county poor

house which was granted. He also petitioned same body "for an alteration of the law authorizing listers to tax persons for their faculty."

- 708. xii. Mary m. Luke Hamlin.
- 709. xiii. John twin; prob. set. in Vt. and his name appears on the petition to the legislature with his bro. Isaac's in Oct., 1828. He m. a dau. of David Brooks, of W. and may have res. there for a time.
- 710. xiv. Stephen twin. He m. and res. at W. abt. 1850, but prob. had no ch.
- 711. xv. Lois m. —Phelps; res. at W. abt. 1850 and had a number of ch.
- 712. xvi. Elizabeth.
- 713. xvii. Abraham.
- 714. xviii. Hannah, prob. d. before 1809 as she was not named in mother's will.
- 715. xix. Jacob.
- 716. xx. Ruth, prob. d. before 1809.

287.

Oliver Doolittle (Daniel, Daniel, Abraham) s. of Daniel and Elizabeth (Dayton) D. of North Haven, Conn., was b. Oct. 14, 1742. He m. Jan. 16, 1775, Lois Cook, dau. of Benjamin and Hannah (Munson) C. of W., where they set. on the west side of the river near the old Doolittle Bridge. He served in the Revol. in 1778, under Capt. Norton, as private. (See No. 311.) He d. Mar. 11, 1833, a. 91. Lois was b. Feb. 13, 1752, and d. Jan. 26, 1839, a. 77. Their gravestones stand in the cemetery at W. The name of Oliver Doolittle appears in the list of grantees at Georgia, N H., Aug. 1, 1763.

CHILDREN.

- 717. i. Kezia b. Nov. 20, 1775.
- 718. ii. Elizabeth b. Sept. 8, 1777; d. May 4, 1815, a. 38.

289.

John Doolittle (Daniel, Daniel, Abraham) s. of Daniel and Elizabeth (Dayton) D., was b. at North Haven Jan. 15, 1747. He m. Patience Doolittle (227) at W. Nov. 9, 1775. She was b. at W. May 4, 1756, dau. of Enos and Mary (Doolittle, 96) Doolittle. He d. Jan. 26, 1828, a. 81; Patience d. Mar. 31, 1828, a. 72. They are buried at Wallingford, Conn. He was prob. in the Revol. May 6 to Dec. 20, 1775, being at the siege of Boston under Capt. Benedict Arnold. See No. 311.

290.

Elizabeth Doolittle (Daniel, Daniel, Abraham) dau. of Daniel and Elizabeth (Dayton) D. of North Haven, was b. May 26, 1749. She was m. Jan. 20, 1773, to David Brooks, who grad. M. A. at Yale in 1765. He was b. in 1744, s. of Enos and Tamar (Wooster) B., gr. son of Thomas and gt. gr. s. of Henry from Cheshire, Eng., who came to New Haven abt. 1676. David and Elizabeth res. in the old Brooks homestead in Cheshire, Ct. After grad. from college David was ordained to the work of the ministry, occasionally preached, but never was a settled pastor. He was a delegate to the state convention held in Hartford in Jan., 1788, to ratify and adopt the constitution of the United States. He was a soldier in the Revol.; enlisted as a private; afterwards promoted to quartermaster of the reg't. In Revol. times he occasionally preached with his musket on his back. He prepared and delivered in Derby, Ct., in 1774, a discourse on The Religion of the Revol. This discourse was highly commended and strongly influenced public opinion in favor of the cause of the struggling colonies. It

was published by his s. Micah of Brooks Grove, N. Y., and copies of it are preserved. Their family became quite an influential one. David sr. d. Dec. 22, 1801, a. 57.

CHILDREN.

- 719. i. Clarissa Brooks b. Feb. 22, 1774; m. Col. Asher Saxton and d. in 1808, leaving 2 ch.: Asher B. and Clarissa.
- 720. ii. Micah Brooks b. May 14, 1775; was a general; m. Mary dau. of Dea. Abel Hall, of Lynn, Ct., Dec. 13, 1802. She d. Mar. 26, 1825, a. 43. Ch.: Lorenzo H., Marcia, Catharine P., Clarissa, Laura Ann, Cornelia, Micah W.
- 721. iii. David Brooks b. Oct. 8, 1776; d. Jan. 21, 1782.
- 722. iv. Elizabeth Brooks b. Dec. 7, 1777; m. Sam. Peck, of Prospect; had 4 ch.
- 723. v. Benedict Brooks b. Mar. 9, 1779; m. Maria dau. of Judge McNair. Ch.: Elizabeth A., Phebe A., Hugh F., Martha, Henrietta, Grace, Grace 2d, Alice C.
- 724. vi. Laura Brooks b. Apr. 1, 1781; m. Henry Vosburg.
- 725. vii. Charity Brooks b. Oct. 22, 1782; m. Isaac Curtis.
- 726. viii. Mary Brooks twin b. July 25, 1785; m. Henry Hubbard.
- 727. ix. Martha Brooks twin d. y.
- 728. x. David Brooks b. July 26, 1791; m. Linda dau. of Sam. and Abigail (Doolittle) Hull (659), of Cheshire, and res. on the ancestral est. in C. She d. a. 69. Ch.: Alonzo, Clarissa L., Abigail A., David (became a celebrated electrician, d. 1891), Stella L., Sam. H., Elizabeth L., Edwin M., Rozena.

291.

Capt. Ezra Doolittle (Daniel, Daniel, Abraham) s. of Daniel and Elizabeth (Dayton) D. of North Haven, was b. June 3, 1752. He m. Jan. 18, 1775 Sarah, dau. of John and Sarah Moss of W. (spelled Morse on W. records). Feb. 27, 1775, Ezra and Sarah for £40 deed to their mother, Sarah Moss, the share in the old homestead rec'd from their father, John Moss, late of W. This share comprised "half of the north room of the upright part of

the house taking the west part and also the half of the chamber over said room, taking the west part and also the south garret, and also the cellar under the south end of the lenter, and under the west part of the south room of the house to extend to the middle of the chimney; with liberty of passing and repassing" also rights in house lot and things on the place.

Ezra was admit. to Cong. Church in C. Sept. 14, 1777. He was a captain. They set. on a farm in the north-west part of Cheshire, Ct., which a few years ago was owned by his s. Levi. He was among the grand jurors at C. in 1786. He d. suddenly at C. Monday, Apr. 5, 1830, a. 78. His wid. d. Aug. 1, 1847, a. 91. On their gravestone in the old cemetery at C. is, "Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth," etc. The old homestead was on the road running east of Perry Langdon's at C. about $\frac{1}{4}$ mile west of Leonard Doolittle's (s. of 736). In 1777 he was sarg't of Capt. Miles Johnson's Co. in a reg't of Conn. militia under Col. Hooker Apr. 1 to May 22d.

CHILDREN.

- 729. i. Ezra b. May 8, 1776, d. y.
- 730. ii. Sarah Thompson b. Aug. 27, 1778, d. y.
- 731. iii. Ezra b. at C. Aug. 8, 1780.
- 732. iv. Sarah Moss b. at C. July 22, 1782; m. Benj. Dowd Doolittle (s. of 360).
- 733. v. Elizabeth Ann b. Oct. 5, 1784; m. Lent Benham at C. Apr. 7, 1802; settled in Hartland, Ct.
- 734. vi. Loly b. Oct. 27, 1786.
- 735. vii. Leonard b. Feb. 2, 1789.
- 736. viii. Levi b. May 27, 1792.
- 737. ix. Eunice b. July 23, 1795.
- 738. x. Martha b. Apr. 10, 1800.

293.

Capt. Ichabod Doolittle (Joseph, Daniel, Abraham) s. of Joseph and Rachel (Coles) D. of W., was b. Aug. 21, 1731. He m. at Wilton, Ct., Nov. 18, 1756, Debroch Birchard and raised a family. Ichabod was a grantee at Moretown, N. H., July 7, 1763. In Apr., 1775, when Abraham Gray resigned, Ichabod Doolittle was appt. Capt. of the 7th Comp. 5th Conn. reg't, of which David Waterbury was colonel; was in service at Stillwater in Oct., 1777. Officers under Capt. Ichabod were: 1st Lieut., Albert Chapman; 2d Lieut., Thaddeus Rockwell; Ensign, Ebenezer Banks. Ichabod was of Ridgebury, Ct., and served from Mar. 1st till his honorable discharge, Nov. 4, 1775, on account of much sickness among the troops. See No. 106 for his reg't service. He res. later at South East, Dutchess Co., N. Y.

CHILDREN (POSSIBLY OTHERS.)

- 739. i. Ichabod M.
- 740. ii. Phineas prob., who m. Mar. 7, 1782, Sarah dau. of Lieut. Samuel Benedict at Ridgefield, Conn.

296.

Lieut. Joseph Doolittle (Joseph, Daniel, Abraham) s. of Joseph and Rachel (Coles) D., was b. at W. Jan. 21, 1738. He m. at Ridgefield, Conn., Aug. 10, 1757, Abigail Rockwell, who was b. at R. Jan. 4, 1741. She was dau. of David and Elizabeth (Hyatt) R. Joseph was Lieut. in Col. Crane's reg't (N. Y. troops) in the Revol. army. His sons Reuben, Hopkins, Daniel and prob. Joseph also served in the same reg't as privates under Capt. Truesdell, and all were from Westchester county. Reuben

was a corporal. It is said that Reuben and 3 of his bros. drifted away from the rest of the children at the time of the Revol. Some were afterwards traced by his son Henry and their descendants found in Ohio and farther west.

CHILDREN.

- 741. i. Reuben b. at Ridgefield Apr. 19, 1761.
- 742. ii. Hopkins b. Feb. 22, 1764.
- 743. iii. Daniel.
- 744. iv. Joseph.
- 745. v. Jonathan b. 1770; d. 1845; poss. lived near Milford, Pa.
- 746. vi. Stephen res. at Montague, N. J.
- 747. vii. Ebenezer.
- 748. viii. Sarah m. Joseph Chase.
- 749. ix. Rachel m. — Travis.
- 750. x. Esther m. — Bryant; res. near Fishkill, N. Y.
- 751. xi. Phebe was m. twice.
- 752. xii. Dorcas m. (1) Geo. Brink, res. near Rochester, N. Y.;
m. (2) Hon. Jos. Blackmer, of Wheatland, N. Y.
She d. 1848.

304.

Samuel Doolittle (Henry, Theophilus, Abraham) s. of Henry and ——— (————) D. was b. in Conn., where he m. and res. He d. there about 1770.

CHILDREN.

- 753. i. Joel b. in 1753.
- 754. ii. Thomas poss. who enlisted with Joel in the Revol. in 1777, the former served 8 mo. May 27, '77, to Jan. 12, '78, under Capt. Belcher.

306.

Susannah Doolittle (Theophilus, Theophilus, Abraham) dau. of Theophilus and Sarah (Dorchester) D., was b. at W. Sept. 2,

1739; m. to Sam'l Peck at W. Dec. 10, 1760. They res. at W. where he d. Sept. 28, 1815. He was bro. of John (98) and s. of Samuel and Mary Peck, b. Jan. 4, 1734. Susannah d. at W. July 3, 1812, a. 72.

311.

Capt. Solomon Doolittle (Theophilus, Theophilus, Abraham) s. of Ensign Theophilus and Sarah (Dorchester) D., was b. at W. Mar. 24, 1746. He m. 1] Feb. 24, 1768, Eunice Hull and set. at W. The following were in Capt. Stanley's comp. of Col. Thaddeus' regt. at W. Aug. 13, 1779: Lieut. Solomon Doolittle, Corp. Isaac Doolittle, and privates, Joseph, jr., John and Oliver Doolittle. See Nos. 315, 196, 289, 287. Solomon m. 2] Thankful (dau. of Ambrose) Doolittle (372) at C. Apr. 5, 1797. Mar. 16, 1797, Eliakin Hall of W. deeds a house and barn with 24 acres in W. to Capt. Solomon and Thankful Doolittle. Dec. 28, 1798, Eunice Doolittle of W. deeds to her father Solomon 25 acres in W. Apr. 23, 1799, Thankful, wf. of Capt. Solomon Doolittle, buys a parcel of land in W.

CHILDREN.

- 755. i. Theophilus b. Mar. 19, 1769.
- 756. ii. Sarah b. Feb. 5, 1772; m. at W. Nov. 26, 1799, Samuel Davidson.
- 757. iii. Eunice b. Feb. 12, 1774.
- 758. iv. Solomon b. Apr. 5, 1775.
- 759. v. Lucy b. July 18, 1778.
- 760. vi. Joel b. Sept. 16, 1781. He prob. m. Jan. 17, 1814, Polly Foote b. May 17, 1780, dau. of Dan. and Mary (Ingraham) F. Joel was of W. They had no ch. He d. and she m. (2) Russell Hill, of North Guilford later of E. Haven, Ct., where she d.
- 761. vii. Mary b. May 21, 1786.

312.

Isaiah Doolittle (Theophilus, Theophilus, Abraham) s. of Ensign Theophilus and Sarah (Dorchester) D. was b. at W. July 11, 1748. He m. Damarus ——— of W., where they settled.

CHILDREN.

- 762. i. Josiah b. July 17, 1769; d. July 30, sm. yr.
- 763. ii. Stephen b. Mar. 24, 1771.
- 764. iii. Eunice Hall b. Sept. 19, 1772.
- 765. iv. Lyman b. Oct. 27, 1774.

313.

Eliasaph Doolittle (Theophilus, Theophilus, Abraham) s. of Ensign Theophilus and Sarah (Dorchester) D., was b. at W. June 1, 1750. He m. 1] Ruth Hall at W. Jan. 1, 1772, and settled at W. He d. Apr. 28, 1817, a. 67, possibly at Plymouth, Ct. Only the first two ch. were b. at W. He m. 2] Mabel Potter Apr. 8, 1776, recorded at Watertown, Ct., as well as ch. Nos. 3, 7, 8, and 9.

CHILDREN.

- 766. i. Lucy b. Oct. 31, 1772.
- 767. ii. Charles b. Nov. 25, 1775.
- 768. iii. Miles b. Feb. 16, 1777.
- 769. iv. Ruth b. May 12, 1778.
- 770. v. Isaiah b. Sept. 26, 1779.
- 771. vi. Eliasaph b. Mar. 7, 1782.
- 772. vii. Potter b. July 10, 1784. He was one of those who settled in the northeast part of Westmoreland in Oneida Co., N. Y., early in the 19th century.
- 773. viii. Sally b. Mar. 20, 1786.
- 774. ix. Amzi b. Feb. 21, 1788.
- 775. x. Giles b. May 22, 1794.
- 776. xi. Betsey b. Dec. 4, 1798.

315.

Isaac Doolittle (Theophilus, Theophilus, Abraham) s. of Ensign Theophilus and Sarah (Dorchester) D., was b. Aug. 27, 1754. He was a corporal in the Revol. See No. 311. In 1777 he rec'd from his father 2 acres in W. and also in 1779 half the homestead at W., comprising 14 acres with half of the buildings on same. In 1782 Isaac deeds 3 acres in Southfields (so called) at W. and later sm. yr. deeds 9 acres in same locality "near land of Daniel Doolittle (74) and the heirs of Stephen Doolittle (76) deceased." In 1874 he deeds 2 acres of meadow land in south fields to Caleb Atwater. It was bounded south by the river and partly by the lands of Joseph Doolittle (75) of New Haven—it being land he rec'd from his father Theophilus. In 1785 Isaac deeds more land in W. a little south of the former home of his father Ensign Theophilus Doolittle deceased. In 1786 Isaac Doolittle of W. deeds the last of his lands, formerly owned by his father, to Jared Potter of W.

In 1794 Isaac s. of Ensign Theophilus Doolittle deeds half a dwelling in W. He prob. m. at C. July 24, 1783, Susanna Barnes.

316.

David Doolittle (Solomon, Theophilus, Abraham) s. of Solomon and Jerusha (Tyler) D. was b. Oct. 4, 1736, at W. He m. Apr. 17, 1764, Taphatha, b. Aug. 7, 1740, dau. of Ebenezer and Lydia (Warner) Doolittle (239). They sett. at W., but after a few yrs. rem. to Torrington, Ct. These people had an odd institution called a Sabbath Day house. They were small huts built

near the church by those who came from a distance. They had a fire place and furnished heat and shelter for the family on Sunday while they ate their lunches and waited between morning and afternoon services, for the church was cold in winter.

David enlisted in Revol. July 12, '75, in 8th Co. under Capt. Wm. Hubbell of 7th reg't under Col. Charles Webb; was stationed along the sound until Sept., when at Washington's request it went to Boston camp and was assigned to Winter Hill, Gen. Sullivan's brigade. He was hon. disc. Dec. 19, '75. David served Sept. 15-Dec. 25, '76, in Capt. Johnson's Co. of Col. Bradley's battalion raised for defense of the state; was at Bergen Heights and Jersey City. In Oct. moved up toward Ft. Lee under Gen. Green. Many were captured in defending Ft. Washington, Nov. 16, '76. David again enlisted June 12, '77, for 8 mo. under Capt. Munson in 8th reg't, Col. John Chandler; camped at Peekskill till ordered to help Washington in Pa. in Sept.; under Gen. McDougall at battle of Germantown, Oct. 1. In winter quarters at Valley Forge.

CHILDREN.

- 777. i. Sarah b. Aug. 22, 1765, at W.
- 778. ii. Eli b. July 15, 1773, at Torington.
- 779. iii. Lydia b. July 23, 1775, at Torington.
- 780. iv. David b. Oct. 3, 1777, at Torington.

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Titus Doolittle (Benjamin, Theophilus, Abraham), s. of Benjamin and Esther (Tuttle) D., was b. June 8, 1749. He m. Nabbie Mallory. They res. prob. at Mt. Carmel Centre, Ct. He d. prob. in the winter of 1837. His wf. d. some years before. All their descendants except son Titus left Conn.

CHILDREN.

- 781. i. Abbie m. (1) Benjamin Franklin; m. (2) —Church.
- 782. ii. Benjamin.
- 783. iii. Polly twin m. (1) — Cooper; m. (2) Jonathan Rumsey after the death of her sis. Sally and res. in Trumansburg, N. Y.
- 784. iv. Sally twin m. Jonathan Rumsey. She d. and he m. (2) her sis. Polly.
- 785. v. Lola m. James Charles.
- 786. vi. Patty m. Thomas Lewis res. in N. Y. State.
- 787. vii. Betsey m. Thomas Plaice; res. in Canada.
- 788. viii. Electa m. — Roberts.
- 789. ix. Titus res. in Mt. Carmel, Ct.

322.

Elizabeth Doolittle (Benjamin, Theophilus, Abraham), dau. of Benjamin and Esther (Tuttle) D., was b. Aug. 1, 1752, d. Dec. 20, 1843, a. 91. She m. Phineas C., s. of Phineas Peck, who d. Aug. 15, 1809. He was b. Jan. 9, 1756. They res. in that part of W. now Prospect.

CHILDREN.

- 790. i. Benjamin Peck b. in 1776.
- 791. ii. Samuel Peck b. in 1780; d. in Green, N. Y., in 1860. He m. — —. Ch.: Horace, Clarissa, Daniel, Samuel S., Asahel P., Philo N., Levi H., Betsey M.
- 792. iii. Nathaniel Peck b. 1784; res. Camden, Ind.; m. — —. Ch.: Elizabeth, Joseph F., John C., Geo. W.
- 793. iv. Esther Peck b. 1787; m. — Hough. He d. and she res. Middletown, Ct.
- 794. v. Elizabeth Peck b. 1790; d. 1864 unm.

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Benjamin Doolittle (Benjamin, Theophilus, Abraham), s. of Benjamin and Esther (Tuttle) D., of Mt. Carmel, Ct. Benjamin Doolittle, Jr., and Samuel Doolittle were of the Waterbury Land Co. and bought the township of Columbia in Lorain County, Ohio, Apr. 4, 1807. Benj. paid \$1,592.00 and Sam'l \$80.00. Some of

the company set. in Euclid, O. It is prob. that these two bros. never came to Ohio, but sett. in the south and their numerous descendants still res. there. I believe Benjamin m. at Edgefield Court House, S. C., res. there and raised the following ch., the a st of whom d. about 4 yrs. ago ae. 91 yrs.

CHILDREN.

- 795. i. Edward R.
- 796. ii. William.
- 797. iii. Jack.
- 798. iv. Esther (called Hetty).

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Samuel Doolittle (Benjamin, Theophilus, Abraham) s. of Benjamin and Esther (Tuttle) D., of Mt. Carmel, Ct. (see 324). He prob. sett. at Edgefield Court House, S. C. and m. there. None of their ch. are now living.

CHILDREN.

- 799. i. Rodger Williams.
- 800. ii. Samuel M.
- 801. iii. Sterling.
- 802. iv. Lucinda m. — Stringer.
- 803. v. Elizabeth m. — Bouchillon.

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